



# Cohort 19

Graduation Ceremony  
June 24, 2021

SMALL WORLD PARK - PITTSBURG



*Message from the Program Manager*

## **Future Build is 100% Vaccinated!**

This includes program staff, students and instructors. We made the bold decision to require everyone associated with the program to be vaccinated. We still practice social distancing, encourage frequent hand washing and require mask when we are working on public community benefit projects where maybe in the company of those we can't verify are vaccinated.

I am proud of each of you for your commitment to the safety of Future Build and your community during this pandemic. You continue to show up and show out, and, make valuable decisions as you invest in your future. You're on your way, let nothing stop you. Move forward; walk confidently into your future, knowing that you possess the tools to succeed.

*Wishing you the best, Ms. Mer!!*



# INTRODUCING COHORT 19 GRADS



**Nelson Grasa-Torres \***

## **Cohort 19 VALECDICTORIAN**

Led the class with a 99% average, scoring 100% on every test but one (96%).

**Congratulations Nelson!**

### COHORT 19 GRADUATES

Graduate certifications earned may vary. Graduates with a star have earned all .

Home Builders Institute Construction Technology, w/ National Green Building Standards

Multi Craft Core Curriculum (MC3), Photovoltaic – Solar Theory, Refinery Safety Orientation, Hazwoper 40, Forklift, Construction Theory, OSHA 10, First Aid/CPR, Confined Spaces, Flagger and Traffic Control



**Donte Anderson\***



**Johnnie Bradstreet**



**Isaiah Bryant**



**Rossana Coronado\***



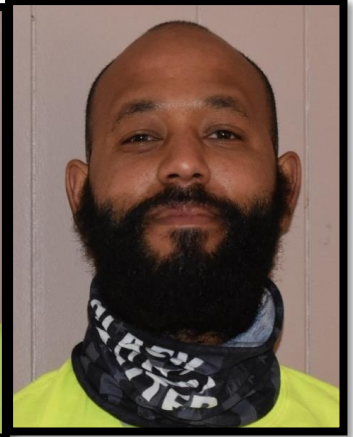
**Wilson Coronel-Mena\***



**Diego Coronel-Mena\***



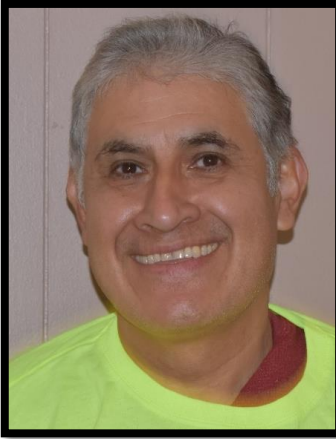
**Emanuel De La Cruz-Olivares\***



**Diamond Dusich\***

### Perfect Attendance Awards - \$125

**Wilson Coronel Mena \* Emanuel De la Cruz-Olivares \* Diamond Dusich  
David Rodriguez \* Bennji Zanabria-Gutierrez**



\* Felipe Flores-Chacon \*



Fanny Guillen \*



Julio Martinez \*



Diego Morales



Yeder Morales, Jr. \*



Isabel Navarro \*



Carlos Navarro-Saavedra \*



Eric Netzer



Juan Carlos Romero \*



David Rodriguez \*



Bennji Zanabria-Gutierrez\*

Life is like a  
Camera, just focus  
On what is important

**CAPTURE**  
The good times

**DEVELOP**  
From the negatives

If things don't work out  
**TAKE ANOTHER SHOT!**

# Multi Craft Core Curriculum (MC3) Home Builders Institute (HBI)

Curriculum: forklift, tool safety/identification/use, and hands on training in carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting, landscaping.





### Employability Week

Consisted of presentations from successful graduates of Future Build, the Building Trades representatives, potential employers, resumes, interview techniques and career research.



**ROY LEE**  
Laborer – Cohort 2



**JUAN CORDOZA**  
Electrician – Cohort 4



**AARON SMALLS**  
CalTans – Cohort 14

**Ancon  
Services**



**Trades Women Inc.**

### Mock interviews w/People Ready



**Sheet Metal Workers**



# Photovoltaics



## Community Benefit Projects

Community Benefit Projects are where the trainees exercise what they have learned in the classroom and lab by improving facilities in public housing projects, rehabilitation of homes for low-income residents, schools, and public recreational facilities such as parks, community centers and other public facilities.

### Los Medanos Community Healthcare District – Community Gardens



## Buchanan Park Restrooms

During the Pandemic of 2020, Buchanan Park facilities like other parks throughout the region were inhabited with homeless encampments. Pittsburg takes pride in its myriad of parks within the community and made clean up efforts a priority post pandemic. Future Build, in collaboration with the City of Pittsburg, is working on park improvements and cleanup efforts to restore these facilities to the standards the public is used to here in Pittsburg. Hands on training!!!!



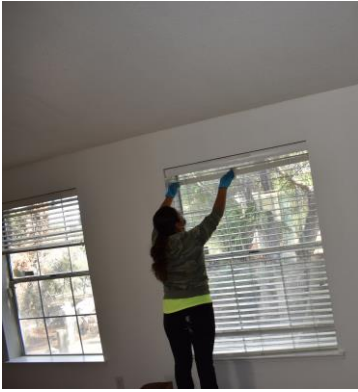


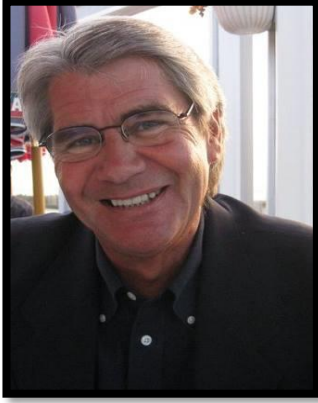
## Former Golf Course Caretaker's Cottage converted for a new Business Opportunity. And a great training opportunity for Future Build!

This location became a hands on training classroom as so much was covered: demolition, roofing, flooring, carpentry, sheetrock, framing, windows, plumbing, painting, and landscaping. Unfortunately, the facility was completely destroyed in a grass fire, but thankfully no one was hurt.









**Gerald Dunbar**

Administrator & Instructor  
Pittsburg Power Company

**Merl Craft**

Program/Caseload  
Manager, Instructor

**John McLean**

Home Builder's Institute  
(HBI) Instructor

**Larry Cooper**

Vocational Instructor



**Debbie Neely**

Environmental Skills  
Technical Coach &  
Follow up Specialist



**Alycia Aponte-Paden**

Administrative &  
Caseload Support



**Greg Buie**

Assistant Vocational  
Instructor



**Joanie Tafoya**

Food Services

### **Colleagues Supporting Future Build**

CCC Workforce Development Board Dona Van Wert, Director and Verneda Clapp – Specialist  
Pittsburg Adult Education Center - Danny Lockwood, Principal, Richard Jacobs, Math Instructor  
and Walter Ruehlig, Career Facilitator

### **Organizational Supporters**

CCC Workforce Development Board CCC Supervisor Federal D. Glover, Pittsburg Power Company,  
City of Pittsburg, US Environmental Protection Pittsburg Adult Education Center, Contra Costa  
Building and Construction Trades Council, Northern California Laborers Training Center,  
Construction Trades Workforce Initiative (CTWI) and Open Opportunities, Inc. a 501c3 Non-Profit,

### **Community Partners**

Contra Costa County Career Centers, Los Medanos College & Diablo Valley College, SparkPoint,  
Work World, Trades Women, Inc., Rubicon, Pittsburg High School, STS Academy, People Who Care,  
GRID Alternative, *Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing (SOMAH)*