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## Socially distanced learning in Manitou Springs School District



## Connect14 begins Oct. 6!

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Connect14 classes will begin Oct. 6 **ONLINE** for the month of October. Registration opens Thursday, Sept. 17, and closes Monday, Oct. 5.

Check out [www.connect14.com](http://www.connect14.com) for more information. Scholarships are available! Reach out to Connect14 Coordinator Joye Levy at [jlevy@mssd14.org](mailto:jlevy@mssd14.org).

## Career and Technical Education Corner

Do you remember your summer jobs when you were in high school? Perhaps you washed dishes at The Loop or sold T-shirts at the Trading Post. Those summer jobs taught you valuable lessons, some of which you may still rely on today.

This summer, with our partners at the Home Builders Association, seven Manitou Springs High School students worked with area construction companies on various projects around the Pikes Peak region.

One of those students was junior Tate C., who worked for Murphy Construction at various locations in downtown Colorado Springs. When I sat down with Tate to discuss his summer experiences, he was more than happy to explain his favorite memories.

Tate talked about working with his journeyman mentor on projects at Kimball's Peak Three Theater, which included framing and wall construction; but it was the attic project that he liked the most. He was able to do most of this work on his own as he had already learned the needed skills. Now when he goes to the movies, he can show off what he helped to build.

Tate attended Mr. Borkowski's Careers in Construction class during his sophomore year,

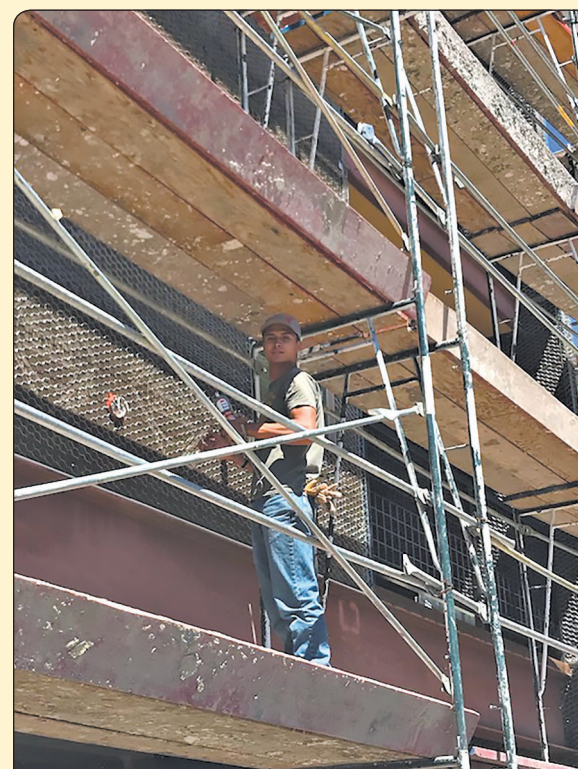
where he worked through the Home Builder Institute's nationally recognized curriculum. This summer's work-based learning experience put that curriculum into practice on real job sites like the theater, but Tate also worked on several multi-dwelling projects with Murphy Construction. Having the ability to be on several job sites throughout the summer allowed Tate to see all the different jobs associated with a building project.

"There were so many different workers: tilers, landscapers, architects, engineers and construction guys like me," he said. Tate explained that he didn't realize before what it would take to do one of these projects, but being on-site made that possible. Work-based learning does just that, opens students up to the possibilities in the workforce.

When I asked Tate if he would take Mr. Borkowski's class again, he stated, "Yes, it is a fun class and you learn invaluable life lessons when you work for one of the companies."

Manitou Springs High School is continuing to work on additional work-based learning opportunities for its students. If you would like to learn more about this, please contact me at [kjohnson@mssd14.org](mailto:kjohnson@mssd14.org).

— Kolleen Johnson



MSHS junior Tate C. puts his CTE skills to good use for Murphy Construction in downtown Colorado Springs.

