



Orange County Chapter

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Building Industry Association, Orange County Raised Over \$30,000 at Food & Wine Event Benefiting OC High School Program

IRVINE, CA - The Building Industry Association of Orange County raised \$31,000 for its non-profit Building Industry Technology Academy (BITA) through the annual Wine and Food Event at the new Children's Museum Pretend City in Irvine. BITA is a BIA/OC developed four-year high school program exposes young people to diverse career paths within the building industry. The California state budget crisis has resulted in decreased education funds for woodshop, construction technology, and many other vocational classes on high school campuses. The unique opportunities offered through BITA also benefit Special Education and at-risk/under-achieving students through the program's high level of applied hands-on learning. BITA program is currently in place at Katella, Western, Anaheim, Valencia, and Brea-Olinda High Schools in Orange County.

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The Orange County Chapter of the Building Industry Association of Southern California (BIA/OC) is a non-profit trade association representing nearly 1,000 companies employing over 100,000 people affiliated with the home building industry.

The BIA/OC mission is to promote proactive participation in the development of economic and community issues in Orange County. The BIA/OC is affiliated with the California BIA and the National Association of Home Builders.

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