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**Building Industry Association, Orange County Raised Over
\$42,000 at Food & Wine Event
Benefiting OC High School Program**

**Orange County
Chapter**

IRVINE, CA - The Building Industry Association of Orange County raised \$42,000 through the annual Wine and Food Event "Wine on the Wings", to support the Building Industry Technology Academy (BITA). Guests enjoyed a rare opportunity to sample fabulous wine, scrumptious culinary delights and micro-brew tasting of specialty beers all under the backdrop of William Lyon's stunning WWII airplanes at the Lyon Air Museum in Santa Ana.

BITA is a BIA/OC developed four-year high school program, which 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. The BITA program is currently in place at Katella, Western, Anaheim, Valencia, Magnolia, Trident, Los Alamitos and Brea-Olinda High Schools in Southern California.

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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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