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Contemplating Your Kid's Future?

It's interesting to me that in the last few months several people have asked my advice pertaining to their child's career path (or lack thereof). They have specifically asked me about our industry, what it is all about, what the future holds, and what the paths or barriers to entry may be. Most are surprised to hear of the dire need for skilled tradespeople.

Nationwide, the industry is suffering from immense labor shortages and it's getting worse. For every three people who retire, only one young person is entering the market. For the average student, a college degree these days doesn't have the clout it used to and the cost—and, quite often, the debt—of a degree isn't rewarded in the job market. Meanwhile construction wages for skilled trades are respectable, and for managers and supervisors they are excellent.

So, I'm advising parents to have their kids seriously consider the career opportunities construction offers. One parent asked me about recessions and layoffs. I said that's a fact of life in any industry, but in my case, during the 14 years I worked in the construction industry prior to starting my own business I never had a day off that I didn't want off. And in 36 years in business, I have never had a BORING day!



The Fisk Tire Building in NW Portland, a 30,000-square-foot, three-story 1920s vintage warehouse, received a complete seismic upgrade, exterior and interior renovation, HVAC system, new roof, insulation, double

paned windows in original steel frames, an elevator and much more. Before and after photos provide insight into the scope of the project. The interior transformation of space for anchor tenant Room and Board is especially dramatic (see below)!



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Santa Fe Restaurant in NW Portland underwent an extensive multi-phased seismic upgrade and interior refurbishment. Previously hidden by plaster ceilings, the existing beamed structure was strengthened, then media blasted, to expose the beautiful Douglas Fir components.



after



before

The BedMart store at Jantzen Beach underwent a total makeover. Keeping the business open was challenging, as we remade the building into a two tenant layout. New façades were constructed to create individual identities. BedMart was moved to the left where enlarged storefront windows required extensive structural work. The interior of the 14,000-square-foot building was gutted and rebuilt for two tenants. Restrooms, lighting, ceiling treatments and HVAC systems were among the interior upgrades.

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