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**MAJOR TRADES COMPETITION IN AIRWAY HEIGHTS INVOLVES  
STUDENTS FROM THROUGHOUT THE REGION**

*On Friday, Jan. 12, 50 students from local high schools will show off their skilled trades training in the SkillsUSA Eastern Region Carpentry Competition, hosted by the Inland Northwest AGC.*

High school students from across the region will gather on **Friday, January 12, 2024** at the former Triumph Composite facility at 1514 S. Flint Rd., Airway Heights to compete in the SkillsUSA Eastern Region Carpentry Competition, a regional test of skill where students can win prizes and qualify to move onto the state competition later this year.

Hosted by the Inland Northwest AGC in partnership with SkillsUSA, the competition will begin at 8:00 AM and consist of a written test, a hands-on technical portion where students will build a small structure showcasing their carpentry skills, and a mock job interview led by real construction industry professionals.

**Media members are invited to attend the technical portion of the competition, which will take place from 9 AM – 12 PM. Please email contact if you would like additional details.**

All materials necessary to compete have been donated by generous NWAGC members and sponsors and there is no cost for students to enter. All judges are directly involved in the local construction industry, and Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs from area high schools have been training for several weeks to prepare their entrants.

The Inland Northwest AGC is a membership organization dedicated to advancing the needs of commercial construction contractors and the leading national construction trade association representing all facets of commercial construction for both public and private entities including building, heavy, highway, and municipal projects. Founded in 1921 and representing over 400 companies throughout our region, the Inland Northwest chapter is the region's largest full-service commercial construction trade association and is one of 89 chapters of the Associated General Contractors of America.

SkillsUSA is a non-profit national educational association that partners with students, teachers, and industry leaders to help students excel in the trades and prepare them for careers in trade, technical, and skilled service occupations. Including alumni, SkillsUSA membership totals over 394,000. SkillsUSA has served nearly 14 million annual members cumulatively since 1965 and is

recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Labor as a successful model of employer-driven workforce development.