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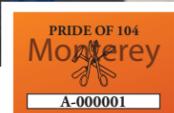
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Sheet Metal Workers' Local Union No. 104 members working for Val's Plumbing and Heating have been hard at work at Rancho San Juan High School in Salinas this past year doing both the architectural sheet metal and HVAC systems for the campus. This massive high school, set to open for the Fall 2019 school year, will help alleviate the overcrowding in the current schools and will provide students with state-of-the-art facilities. It will serve students from North Salinas, Bolsa Knolls, and the Southern Prunedale areas. ▶



Having the chance to interview Greg Huneke, Supervising Foreman for Val's Plumbing and Heating, he gave us a breakdown of what the crew was currently working on:

"There are currently 10 buildings being constructed with a possible theater in the future. The main class building is a two-story, 116,000 square foot building that also accommodates administration and library services. We were thrilled to obtain both the architectural and HVAC on the project, because it allows us to show off a variety of the skills we possess. On the architectural side, the exterior is comprised of several types of sheet metal, including copper, aluminum, stainless steel, bonderized metal, prefinished metal, and galvanized. The exterior roof flashing and siding required 90,000 square feet of interior and exterior corrugated metal, 28,000 linear feet of 16 gauge galvanized backing, and 20,000 linear feet of pre-finished miscellaneous trim for corrugated panels. On the HVAC side, all spiral and rectangular duct work throughout the buildings are acoustically lined to ensure quiet performance.

The challenges at this job have presented opportunities for our crew to step up, considering we've had to be precise with scheduling and coordinating with the other trades to ensure architectural finishes are installed in proper sequencing without delaying the job or damaging finished products. Because of the amount of architectural metals on this project, a lot of time has been spent working out details that provide water integrity and an architecturally clean look. Our Local 104 members have really put together a quality project because of their hard work."

Another important aspect of this project is that it's under a Project Labor Agreement (PLA). As Greg puts it, "Having projects under PLAs means our local contractors have the opportunity to bid the work on a level playing field, and it allows our workforce to stay local. This job is financed by a local bond, and the people working here are the ones paying the bond and obtaining the benefits. That cycle provides for a healthy local economy."

Everybody working in the field and shop have been instrumental in getting the job to this stage. As Greg states, "It has been a bit of an uphill battle at times, but I appreciate the hard work and attention to detail my crew has given me. The amount of material fabricated and sent out by our shop in a timely fashion has been a big part to allow the field crew to achieve their goals. It is gratifying that they are being recognized for all their hard work." ■

Val's Field Crew

Greg Huneke	Miranda Eberle
John Seier	Joe Barse
Casey Van Den Heuval	John Peterson
Joe Parfumo	Edwin Olson
Chris Myers	Mike Rabago
Joe Gardner	David Michaels
Joe Ballesteros	

Val's Shop Crew

Dale Self
Aaron Parker
Larry Sanchez

