

OUR PEOPLE SERVE THE COMMUNITY

As a family business, one of Shapiro & Duncan's core values is "serving our community." We feel very strong about career-based education and understand the need to provide students with the knowledge of construction career paths that could be an opportunity for them. See what we have been up to these last few months!

SITE TOUR WITH AMERICAN UNIVERSITY CONSTRUCTION LAW CLASS

In February, Shapiro & Duncan hosted the Construction Law class at American University Washington College of Law. The class took a tour of their building on the new American University Tenley campus where we discussed the mechanical systems which were constructed and installed; the stresses of project management; and the importance of work ethic and collaboration. The new law campus, LEED Gold certified, includes two new out-of-the-ground buildings and one renovated structure. It is considered to be the university's "crown jewel." Shapiro & Duncan installed the latest technologies into these structures to ensure high performance and low operating costs.

The job was a highly complex piping configuration and installation process, and Shapiro & Duncan was responsible for the implementation of this technology on a large scale. In fact, we were the first company to purchase, install, coordinate and prefabricate assemblies for almost 4,200 radiant heating panels in the United States. In the process the team overcame numerous challenges ranging from staging the large quantity of panels, to spending an entire year coordinating the project, to spooling and prefabricating 12 miles of pipe to support this system in a congested ceiling, and carefully staging and supervising onsite installation. Read our full case study [here](#).



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On April, 18th for the 4th year in a row, Shapiro & Duncan employees participated in Junior Achievement's "JA in a Day," program at Banneker Middle School in Burtonsville, MD. Employees volunteered over 200 hours of lesson planning and teaching. Employees covered topics such as credit cards, credit scores, insurance, and how to create a budget. Prior to the team building activity, employees and Shapiro & Duncan vendors raised \$11,847 to help keep Junior Achievement financial literacy programs in the school systems with a JA Bowl-a-Thon.



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Throughout the year our employees visit a variety of schools ranging from elementary to higher education to inform students about the various opportunities in the construction industry. In February, Project Manager, Ameen Khouri and Design Build Manager, Dan Zimmerman spoke to Professor Neil Schulman's "Sustainability in Project Management" class at the University of Maryland. Topics covered included construction management and sustainable design, building information modeling, sustainable design and construction parameters and methods, post construction maintenance issues and prefabrication.

NATIONAL BRING YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY

On Thursday, April 28th Shapiro & Duncan employees participated in "National Bring Your Child to Work Day." Children ages 6 and up sat through a presentation that discussed careers at Shapiro & Duncan and participated in two team building activities. Children were instructed to design and build the tallest standing structure using spaghetti and marshmallows. They also had to construct a contraption using 200 pine planks and develop a ramp, tunnel and chute in which a ball could roll and twist through their creations.

