



Golden Gate Village Construction Trades Program Graduation Report

The Marin Housing Golden Gate Village Construction Trades Program proudly celebrated the graduation of 21 students who successfully completed the intensive 12-week training program on Friday January 30th, 2026, at Bayside MKL in Marin City.

Throughout the program, participants gained hands-on experience in carpentry, electrical work, plumbing, and painting. In addition to technical training, students earned industry-recognized certifications, including OSHA-10 and First Aid/CPR. Participants also received supportive services such as résumé development, financial literacy education, and mental and physical wellness training.

The **graduation ceremony** was a tremendous success, with more than 150 attendees, including community leaders, graduates' family members, community-based organizations, and construction industry recruiters. The strong attendance demonstrated the community's commitment to supporting workforce development and career pathways for residents.

During the ceremony, each graduate was individually recognized with personal highlights of their achievements and growth throughout the program. These acknowledgments were presented by Juanita Douglas, Founder of Tradeswomen Inc., and Shemika Green, Project Manager at Tradeswomen Inc., who both played vital roles in guiding and mentoring the participants.

The keynote speaker, Supervisor Stephanie Moulton-Peters (District 3), delivered inspiring remarks that emphasized the importance of creating meaningful opportunities for youth and residents in Marin City. Her presence highlighted the strong community and governmental support behind workforce development initiatives.

Juanita Douglas also provided an overview of the 12-week program, highlighting the dedication, perseverance, and accomplishments demonstrated by the students. She emphasized the significant progress participants achieved within a short period and their readiness to pursue careers in the construction trades.

Following the ceremony, graduates celebrated with their families and community members through photographs, congratulations, and shared moments of pride. The celebration continued at the 100 block of Drake Avenue in front of the Marin Housing Golden Gate Village Resident Services Building where food and drinks were served. The celebration culminated with the grand opening of two apartment units renovated by the students. Attendees toured the renovated units and witnessed the students' craftsmanship firsthand, including newly painted walls, flooring installation, lighting upgrades, and custom cabinetry work.

Community Leaders and Organizations in Attendance:

- Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Supervisor, District 3
- Mary Sackett, Supervisor, District 1
- Eric Lucan, Supervisor, District 5
- Homer Hall, Commissioner, Marin Housing
- Sarah Jones, Director, Community Development Agency
- Eboni McKinely, Founder of Our Sister's Keeper
- Sheila Robson and Natalie Broomfield, Golden Gate Village Resident Council
- Felicia Gaston, Executive Director, Performing Stars
- Alexis Wise, Executive Director, Wise Choices for Girls
- Kimberly Carroll, Executive Director, Marin Housing Authority
- Michelle Pupiro, Affordable Housing Regional Portfolio Manager, Marin Housing Authority
- Samantha Guzowski, Director of Supportive Housing & Services, Marin Housing Authority
- Jaqueline Mendez, Program Manager of Resident Services, Marin Housing Authority
- Riley Weissenborn, Senior Project Manager, Burbank Housing
- Stefanie Bagala, Public Relations, Burbank Housing
- Paul Austin, Executive Director, Play Marin

UNIT 215 Drake 3-Bed TOWNHOUSE









187 Drake - One Bedroom unit















