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# Industry rallies to help



**ALCC's** Southern and Denver Chapters helped local high schools move their training programs forward by creating outdoor areas where students will learn and practice hands-on skills. Southern Chapter members converged at Falcon High School near Colorado Springs to ensure that when Career and Tech Ed (CTE) instructor David Kranz launches the first-ever landscape design/installation curriculum next fall, the infrastructure will be in place for students to learn landscape skills. More than \$75,000 of value was delivered in one day at these two schools.

In Lakewood, Denver Chapter members returned to Green Mountain High School to expand work begun during last year's Day of Service to build more outdoor learning areas. They completed Phase I of a two-year project and now instructor Courtney Mayo's students have seven raised garden beds, graded areas to place a hoop house and chicken coop – plus pathways connecting all the stations. Kranz and Mayo said they were in awe of all that industry pros could accomplish in one day. At both schools, several students were selected by their teachers to work alongside industry volunteers.



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### Southern Chapter's work at Falcon High School

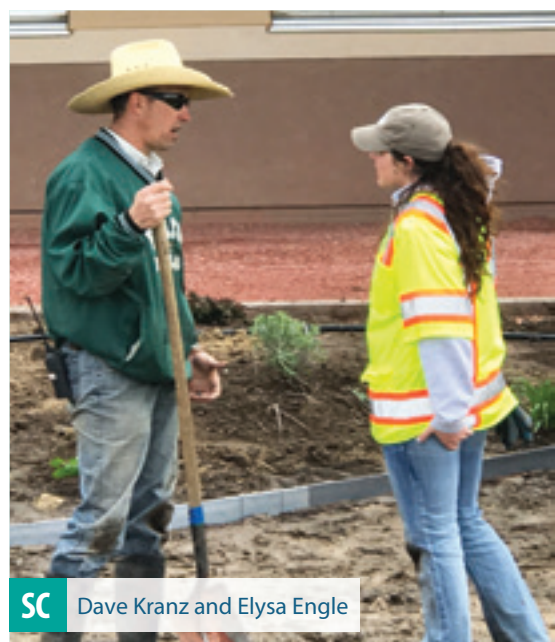
At the end of a rainy and chilly work day, volunteers and students had completed:

- Four irrigation system stations where students will be able to practice basics of irrigation installation, repair and water management technologies.
- A large garden where students will learn planting and plant maintenance skills along with plant identification.
- A 400-sq. ft. area with stations to practice hardscape installation skills, plus calculating slope, creating grades and installing turf.

After the project, Kranz said, "Students at Falcon now have a first-rate outdoor learning area.

The ability to get students out of the traditional classroom and get their hands dirty is an awesome opportunity. My hope is that many of these students and pros will be working alongside each other when the students go out and get jobs in the landscaping industry."

*Photos courtesy Stephanie Early and Southern Chapter volunteers*



**SC** Dave Kranz and Elysa Engle

# Career Pathways schools



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Mayo (right) and students raised baby chicks in the classroom.



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# 2017 Day of Service

## Denver Chapter works at Green Mountain High School

When the Day of Service got underway April 21st, about two dozen chicks nearing adulthood lived inside a pen in the center of Courtney Mayo's classroom because they had no outdoor area to scratch in the dirt or to find shelter other than in the classroom. By the end of the day, there was a level pad prepped for the coop that would house Mayo's flock. At the end of frost season, chicks were happy in their new home and students had planted all seven raised beds with veggies watered with drip irrigation.

The 2017 Day of Service increased outdoor learning spaces more than ten-fold and instantly made an impression on locals within the community who walk the trail bordering the garden area daily.

Two industry pros who participated in Day of Service are Green Mountain 2006 grads—Matt Lindsley, Lee Landscaping & Sprinklers and Shali King, GVR Landscaping. Both were excited to return to their alma mater and be a part of transforming the almost barren ground by the tennis courts into an inviting and useful outdoor area. Said King, "I jumped at the opportunity to volunteer my time. Learning that GMHS has implemented a program to help youth with hands on training and learning about the green industry made me proud."



Principal Colleen Owens with GMHS alums, Shali King (left), Matt Lindsley, and Courtney Mayo



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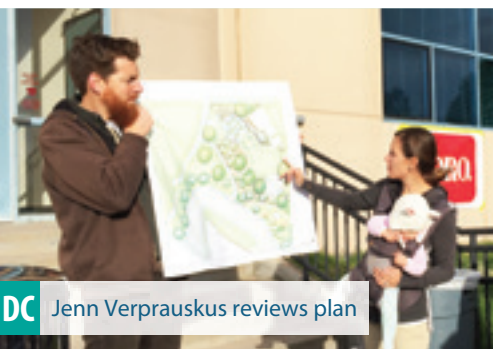


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