



***Barron Lighting Group and Consolidated Electrical Distributors, Inc.
Empower Youths by Partnering in the Creation of the New St. Joseph Construction
Science and Trade Academy***

Barron Lighting Group and Consolidated Electrical Distributors, Inc. (CED) are pleased to announce their partnership with the new St. Joseph Construction Science and Trade Academy in Wichita, Kansas. Part of Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, the academy will provide junior and senior students with a hands-on education of various trades used within the construction industry including electrical, plumbing, and carpentry. The goal of the academy is to inspire students to advance their education once they graduate as well as empower them with the foundation and skills needed to pursue a career in the trades.

Brandon McLey, Profit Center Manager of CED, was excited to partner with the St. Joseph Construction Science and Trade Academy as, "skilled labor is something this country desperately needs, and the numbers of young people (especially right out of high school) joining the trades, keeps getting smaller. It is great that Bishop Carroll is able to offer these programs and expose the next generation to the basics for a number of different trades, that can offer these students fulfilling, and lucrative future careers."



The St. Joseph Construction Science and Trade Academy came to together due to the efforts of the local community and organizations. Many individuals and companies donated their products, services and time to create an impressive classroom that students will enjoy learning in and which will, undoubtedly, leave a lasting impact on the community for years to come. Barron Lighting Group and CED were beyond pleased to donate all of the lighting used throughout the 3,500 square foot workspace. In total, 15 TRACE*LITE highbays were installed throughout the learning annex.

In addition to the new and improved lighting, the classroom was updated with the following items to make it a strong learning resource: tool benches and cribs, acoustic panels, safety and mechanical equipment, a digital monitor, paint, flooring, trash bins and duct work. Barron Lighting Group and CED are excited to see what the future holds for the students at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School and St. Joseph Construction Science and Trade Academy, especially as they relate to the construction industry and the trades!

