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**BuildGirls.org and Gilbane Company Host Inspiring Mentorship Experience at CareFirst Arena Washington, D.C., June 2026** -- buildgirls.org, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to educating, engaging, and empowering high school girls to explore future careers in real world STEM careers, including Architecture, Construction & Engineering, recently partnered with Gilbane for a unique mentorship and networking experience at CareFirst Arena, home of the Washington Mystics.



The event brought together a team of accomplished female leaders from Gilbane and BuildGirls high school members for an evening of mentorship, career exploration and community building, culminating in an exciting Washington Mystics game. The experience held special significance as Gilbane was the construction manager responsible for building CareFirst Arena, providing the perfect backdrop for discussions about the real-world impact of careers in real world STEM professions.

Throughout the event, Gilbane's leaders shared their personal career journeys and provided valuable insights into the many opportunities available across the infrastructure industry. BuildGirls members had the opportunity to engage directly with women who are helping shape communities through the design, construction and management of complex projects. Discussions ranged from engineering and architecture to leadership, project delivery and navigating careers in traditionally underrepresented fields.

The mentorship session reinforced BuildGirls' mission of exposing young women to career

pathways they may not otherwise encounter while connecting them with role models who have successfully built careers in these industries.



*"At Gilbane, we believe that representation matters and that the future of our industry depends on creating opportunities for the next generation of leaders," said **Madison Haas, Head of Community at Gilbane Company**. "It was incredibly rewarding to spend time with the BuildGirls members, share our experiences, and help them see the many exciting possibilities available in architecture, construction and engineering. We hope they left feeling inspired and empowered to pursue their ambitions."*

BuildGirls members gained firsthand exposure to the people and professions behind the places they use every day, learning how projects like CareFirst Arena are conceived, designed, built and operated. The event also provided meaningful conversations about leadership, perseverance, and the importance of increasing female representation across STEM and infrastructure careers.

*"One of the most powerful ways to inspire young women is to connect them directly with professionals who are living the careers they may someday pursue," said **Emmie Goldsteen, Co-Founder and CEO of BuildGirls.org**. "Gilbane's team created an unforgettable experience by sharing their expertise, their stories and their passion for building communities. Our members left with a deeper understanding of the industry, greater confidence in their own potential and memories that will last a lifetime."*

BuildGirls is grateful to Gilbane Company and its leadership team for investing in the next generation of female leaders and helping advance the organization's mission to create greater gender equality and equity across infrastructure and STEM-related industries.

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