B y 2024, there will be 60,200 jobs involving small buildings and major construction projects. For Robert Kamnikar, that dream began coming true when he was about 10 years old.

Young Bob Kamnikar had a carpenter and during the summers from age 10 to 15 would pick up work with him, learning on houses, additions, that kind of carpentry. A few years later, Kamnikar entered Lorain County Community College, the commercial project manager program for Oster Homes.

After graduating from Annette Martin’s Lorain High School in 1983, Kamnikar attended Lorain County Community College for a year and then transferred to Bowling Green State University (BGSU). From LCCC, transferred to the studio to the site supervisor at LCCC, a bachelor’s of science in construction management degree. A project manager is a job of alle.

The first thing you need to know everything about the various aspects of construction, he said. You need to have a little bit of a lot of different skills to be successful as a project manager.

You then have to understand the whole process of what to start and complete a project, which needs to get started and when, he said.

On a day-to-day basis, Kamnikar deals with electrical systems, mechanical, plumbing, and piperelies, and sub-contractors and foremen. And then you have to control all the various stages of construction, from the ground-breaking to the ribbon-cutting for a new building. And while you may need all the boys and even still dominate in construction work, women are a strong and growing presence in the male-dense fields. After graduating from BGSU, Kamnikar went to work for Morse Diesel, a construction company. Cleveland known as AMEC. Construction Management. The project manager. Steve Varner, and others have been behind the success of the project. Communication is key to success in a field, according to Kamnikar, and students should take particular effective work on both verbal and written skills in addition to inherent math abilities. You also must know how to be willing to learn how to compensate and look for alternatives when faced with challenges, he said.

Decision-making, problem-solving, negotiation, and common sense are all needed in the construction management field. You have to think through a project or problem and find the best way to approach it from a financial and budgetary sense. You also have to be up front with people and tell the truth whether good or bad, and have options ready to overcome any failures.

Kamnikar lives in Amherst with his wife Sherri, who also attended Steely High School and BGSU. They have one son, Kevin, 10, and Jonah, 6.

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