CISCO ANNOUNCES 2019 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS

The winners of CISCO’s 2019 Scholarship Program were recently chosen by CISCO’s Board of Directors, and will be formally recognized and honored during CISCO’s Annual Luncheon on Friday, April 26, 2019.

An independent review of the 75 entries was conducted and the winners were certified and contacted. Eligible students were the sons and daughters of either building trade union members or union contractor employees. A total of seven (7) winners were chosen: Three in the 4-year category, two in the 2-year community college category, and two in the continuing education category (also two-year scholarships).

Four-year scholarship winners:

1) Kaitlyn Moore – Grayslake North HS – Her father is a member of IBEW Local 134
2) Emilee Klemm – St. Charles North HS – Her father is a member of Laborers’ Local 68
3) Lourdes Alvarez – York HS – Her father is a member of Laborers’ Local 582

Two-year Community College scholarship winners:

4) Casey Woods – Marian Catholic HS – Her father is a member of Carpenters Local 54, employed by F.H. Paschen.
5) Andrea Feary – Milledgeville HS – Her father is a member of Roofers & Waterproofers Local 11, employed by Sterling Commercial Roofing.

Two-year Continuing Education scholarship winners:

6) Rhea Rashad – Currently attending Rowan University; Construction Management major. Rhea is employed with The Levy Co. in Northbrook.
7) Joseph Perri – Currently enrolled at the College of DuPage; Construction Management major. Joe is employed by the Village of Roselle Public Works, member of Operating Engineers Local 150.

REGISTRATION TODAY FOR CISCO ANNUAL LUNCHEON - FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2019

Michael Kleinik, new Director of the Illinois Department of Labor, will be the keynote speaker at CISCO’s Annual Luncheon on Friday, April 26, at Maggiano’s in Schaumburg. Check-in begins at 11:00 a.m. with the formal program beginning at Noon.

Governor Pritzker recently appointed Kleinik to the position. His previous experience at the IDOL as the Manager of the Department’s Conciliation and Mediation Division was one of the overriding factors in the choice.

He transitioned from the IDOL to the Chicago Laborers’ District Council Labor-Management Cooperation Committee (LMCC), where he served as the LMCC Executive Director until his retirement in 2018.

To download the registration form, visit www.cisco.org, or call 630.472.9411.

PREVAILING WAGE & RESPONSIBLE BIDDER SEMINAR - MAY 13, 2019

CISCO has partnered with the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters to offer this valuable seminar on these two complex topics at no cost to you! Space is limited, so we urge you to register now! To register, CLICK HERE. You must register by May 6th.

The seminar will be held Monday, May 13 with registration beginning at 9:30 am, and the program scheduled to start at 10:00 am at the Carpenters Training Center, 1256 Estes Avenue in Elk Grove Village, Illinois.

Scheduled speakers are Robert Bruno, Director of Labor Education Programs/Professor of Labor and Employment Relations at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; Marc Poulos, Executive Director of the Illinois, Indiana, Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting (III-FFC); and Michael Kleinik, Director of the Illinois Department of Labor.

Lunch will be provided at the conclusion of the seminar. For more information, email: info@carpentersunion.org.

Photos: Bob Bruno (top), Marc Poulos (center) & Mike Kleinik (bottom).

More news and photos on the back page.
MEMBER NEWS & EVENTS

UCA Spring Showcase
- The Underground Contractors Association’s annual Spring Showcase will be held Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at Venuti’s Ristorante & Banquets, 2251 W. Lake St., Addison, IL 60101.

The event includes an educational seminar from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. This is followed by the Showcase with professionals from all areas of the construction industry, where you can meet with individuals and see the latest in technology with product and equipment displays and demonstrations. The Showcase is held from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Immediately after the Showcase is a Networking Dinner that features the presentation of the UCA’s Scholarship Awards. The dinner and awards runs from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. For more information, call the UCA at (630) 467-1919.

GLCA Giving Back - The Great Lakes Construction Association is sponsoring its semi-annual community event on Saturday, April 20, 2019.

Its members and friends are joining forces with the Lake County Building Trades and the Northeastern Illinois Federation of Labor to hand out Easter meals to families in need at Central Jr. High School, 1716 27th St., Zion, Illinois from 10:00 a.m. until Noon. To volunteer, contact Cheryl at the GLCA office at (847) 623-2345, or via email: cheryl@greatlakesca.org.

The 64th Annual CCA (Concrete Contractor’s Association) Smoker will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at the Diplomat West Banquets, 681 W. North Avenue, Elmhurst, IL, 60126.

The CCA tradition of abundant door prizes continues, along with the featured menu of Ray Harrington’s corned beef dinner.

As many people may know, the CCA Annual Smoker marks the unofficial start of the Chicagoland Concrete Construction Season!

If you haven’t already registered, contact Bob Morreale: 630/990-4222, or by email - morreale@ccagc.org.

The Irish-American Labor Council will be honoring James F. Allen, President of the Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Administrative District Council #1 and Timothy J. McCarthy, Orland Park Police Chief at its Annual Dinner on Wednesday, May 8, 2019.

For more information, contact the Irish-American Labor Council at (312) 372-2049.

CONSTRUCTION CAREERS ATTRACTS NEWS COVERAGE

Headlines across Illinois are touting the benefits of union apprenticeship programs, and how that training translates into quality built projects and lasting careers in the union construction industry.

CISCO’s Education-to-Careers Program, led by Johnetta Ryan for the past 18 years, has been communicating this same message to women and men within their six-county service area.

CISCO has done this by visiting schools, community groups, veterans organizations, women’s groups, faith-based organizations, boy scouts/explorers and school counselors to spread the word.

An article from Peoria read: “Union Apprenticeship programs ensure quality built projects,” and a Chicago Tribune headline blared: “Business trades - Vocations not jobs.”

In the Peoria article, Executive Director Clint Drury, West Central Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council says, “We spend $15 million a year locally training the apprentices and journeymen. We emphasize the latest techniques and materials. This ensures our contractors are competitive and the customer or taxpayer enjoys the highest quality product.”

CISCO Executive Director Dan Allen states that “the union apprenticeship training programs are the 2nd largest, privately-funded educational system in the country - providing top taxpayer value without using any publicly funded monies.”

“Investing in training has paid off as our highly skilled workforce is in more demand for the many multi-faceted projects that continue to crop up across the region,” he added.

The Tribune article emphasized the need for more people to join the trades such as carpenters, roofers, electricians, plumbers, masons, etc. The article also focused on construction work as a career rather than a job. It highlighted work satisfaction rather than money earned.

Emulating CISCO’s marketing slogan of “Built Right” the article ended by saying “the key to success is doing the job right the first time.”