FIVE STUDENTS CHOOSEN FOR CISCO SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The winners of CISCO’s 2018 Scholarship Program were recently chosen by CISCO’s Board of Directors, and will be formally recognized and honored during CISCO’s Annual Luncheon on May 4, 2018.

An independent review of the 64 scholarship applications was conducted and the names of the winners were certified and contacted. The entries received were in two categories – 1) four-year scholarships ($2,000/year) to high school seniors, and 2) two-year awards ($1,000/year) for seniors planning to attend community college.

Eligible students were the sons and daughters of either building trade union members or union contractor employees. A total of 5 winners were chosen – three for the 4-year scholarships and two for the 2-year awards.

Four-year scholarship winners:
1) Alexia Kubas – Lincoln-Way East High School – Alexia’s father is employed by Larmco Masonry in Lynwood, Illinois, and is a member of BAC Local 21.
2) John “Jack” Bibbiano – Stagg High School – John’s father is a member of IBEW Local 134; and
3) Sophia Lopez – Whitney Young High School – Sophia’s father is a member of the Carpenters Local 13.

Two-year scholarship winners:
1) Gabrielle McDermott – Tri-Point High School – Gabrielle’s father is a member of IUOE Local 150 Operating Engineers; and
2) Christian Sifuentes – Waubonsie Valley High School – Christian’s father is a member of the Sprinkler Fitters, Local 281.

SPEAKER MADIGAN HIGHLIGHTS CISCO LUNCHEON - MAY 4, 2018

Register now for CISCO’s 30th Annual Luncheon set for Friday, May 4, 2018 at Maggiano’s Little Italy in Chicago, 516 N. Clark St.

The Luncheon will feature recognition of our Labor Advocate, Public Body and Educator of the Year awards, and presentations to our 2018 Scholarship Award recipients.

The Labor Advocate of the Year will be Illinois Speaker of the House Michael J. Madigan who has been an ardent supporter of working class families – especially the men and women in the union construction industry. The Educator of the Year will be Steve Schmidt, Instructor with the Lake County High School Technical Campus, and the Public Body of the Year will be the Chicago Housing Authority.

Sponsorships are also available. To learn how to sponsor and register, click the following: http://cisco.org/wp-content/pdf/lunch-flyer18.pdf

DUPAGE COUNTY APPRENTICESHIP EXPO - MAY 30, 2018

CISCO will be teaming up with the DuPage County Building Trades and PowerForward DuPage – who will host the event – on a DuPage County Apprenticeship Expo Wednesday, May 30, from 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. at IBEW Local 701 Hall, 28600 Bella Vista Parkway, Warrenville, IL, 60555.

Several different trades will be on hand to educate students, parents and adults about a career in the union construction industry. In addition, instructors will have an interactive demonstration of each craft, and will provide information on the application process, wages and benefits. To register, go to https://powerforwarddupage.com

CISCO WELCOMES NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBER - EYE BOUTIQUE

Eye Boutique has joined the ranks of CISCO’s Associate members. The company started as one optical center in 1978, and has grown to more than 35 centers in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin, having just purchased an established chain in the Chicago area.

It was created to serve the optical needs of UAW Local 72 and its members are organized by UFCW Local 1473. Its goal is to continue to expand and create more union jobs.

More news and photos on the back page.
UPCOMING INDUSTRY EVENTS

The 28th Illinois State Apprenticeship Conference will be held May 7 - 10, 2018 at the Holiday Inn & Suites in East Peoria, IL.

Highlights of the conference include a welcoming reception, exhibits, general sessions (Labor and Office of Apprenticeship), guest speakers, sectional meeting, golf outing, banquet and door prizes.

To register online, go to www.isacconline.org. Conference cost is $130.00. For room reservations: 1/309-698-3333. Use the room block code: APP.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Calling it a “game-changer” for the City of Chicago, Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the City Council have given final approval to an $8.5 billion expansion and rebuild of O’Hare International Airport’s outmoded passenger terminals, a move that is expected to create tens of thousands of construction jobs.

With O’Hare’s tenant airlines scheduled to formally sign new lease deals, the path appears clear to implementing a plan by 2026 that, if all goes as scheduled, will add 3 million square feet of terminal space and 30 to 35 additional gates for planes to load passengers, up from 185 gates now.

The Mayor and Chicago Aldermen also agreed to set up a working group, or commission, that will regularly monitor activity and follow up with city leaders on whether minority businesses and workers are receiving an adequate piece of construction and related legal/financial contracts.