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CONSTRUCTION NEWS BRIEFS

Construction Industry Service Corporation - www.cisco.org - 630.472.9411 - Dan Allen, Executive Director

CISCO PARTICIPATES IN TOUR OF NEW LOCAL 130 TRAINING CENTER

CISCO's Executive Director Dan Allen and Director of Communications & Public Affairs Gary Karafiat attended a guided tour of the new Plumbers' Local 130 U.A. Joint Apprenticeship Committee's (JAC) Training Center (Chicago campus) on April 17th.

The tour was arranged by The PCA Midwest & Plumbing Council, and was led by U.A. Local 130 JAC Training Director James Majerowicz.



Local 130 Apprenticeship Training Director Jim Majerowicz shows members of the tour one of the filters of the rainwater harvesting system.

During the tour, Majerowicz took the group of 14 attendees from the roof to the ground floor. The green roof features solar panels to create hot water for the entire building. Six different wet-labs feature 94 faucets, and commercial and residential plumbing fixtures and a water heater lab for the apprentices to learn their craft. Currently, 230 apprentices are being trained there.

In addition, he highlighted the grey water harvesting used for the irrigation system for the trees and plants in the outdoor plaza. And Majerowicz also showed the rainwater harvesting system that takes rainwater off the roof and stores it in both a 10,000 gallon

underground tank and a 3,500 above ground tank and puts it back into the plumbing system to flush urinals.

Majerowicz added that since the training center opened in June last year, 220,000 gallons of water has been saved because of this system.



Group photo from left: James Majerowicz; Sloan Valve Company CEO & President James Allen; ASPE International Executive Director Billy Smith; PCA Midwest Manager of Events & Education Barbara Bigelow; CISCO (Construction Industry Service Corporation) Executive Director Dan Allen; Fox Valley Labor News Publisher Jennifer Rice; PMI (Plumbing Manufacturers International) CEO/ Executive Director Kerry Stackpole; Sloan Valve Company Director, Product Engineering and Intellectual Property & PMI President Peter Jahrling; International Decorators Inc. Safety Director & CSC Board Member Peter Graham; CSC (Construction Safety Council) President & CEO Robert Lahey; CISCO Communications Director Gary Karafiat; Water Quality Association Executive Director Pauli Undesser; and PCA Midwest & Plumbing Council Executive Director S.J. Peters. (Present but not pictured: ECA of Chicago President Eric Nixon & President of Maron Electric Company).

LOBBY DAY REVIEW

CISCO Executive Director Dan Allen attended the IMSCA-sponsored Lobby Day in Springfield on Tuesday, April 24.

A positive outcome of Lobby Day involved Senate Bill 3052, which



State Senator Mike Hastings (left) talks about SB 3052 with (from left) Dan Allen, Rick Kuhn of R.J. Kuhn Plumbing, Kelly Castrogiovanni of Terry Plumbing and Tammy Rich-Stimson of G.A. Rich & Sons, Inc. Photo courtesy of The PCA Midwest/Plumbing Council.

amended the Contractor Prompt Payment Act by reducing retention on private and commercial construction projects down to 5% when a project is 50% complete.

Despite long-time opposition from the Illinois Bankers Association and Illinois Association of Realtors, the IMSCA-sponsored legislation passed out of the Senate and advanced to the House, bringing it one step closer to helping ease our industry contractors' cash flow burdens.

UCA SPRING SHOWCASE



CISCO participated in the UCA Spring Showcase and paying a visit with Dan Allen (center) at the CISCO booth included CISCO Board Member Frank Lollino (left) and winner of CISCO's raffle prize Chris Grumboski of CMIT Solutions in Oak Park, Illinois.

More news and photos on the back page.

CISCO ON THE MOVE

FIVE STUDENTS CHOSEN FOR CISCO SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The winners of CISCO's 2018 Scholarship Program will be formally recognized and honored during CISCO's Annual Luncheon on May 4th.

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. An independent review of the 64 scholarship applications was conducted and the names of the winners were certified and contacted. 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.

CISCO LUNCHEON - SOLD OUT

CISCO's 30th Annual Luncheon is SOLD OUT, and we greatly appreciate the turnout as the event is set for Friday, May 4, 2018 at Maggiano's Little Italy in Chicago, 516 N. Clark St.



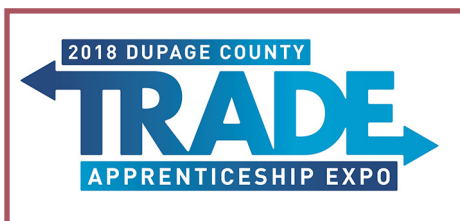
The Luncheon will feature recognition of our Labor Advocate, Public Body and Educator of the

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**.

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>

UPCOMING INDUSTRY EVENTS

➔ The 63rd Annual CCA (Concrete Contractor's Association) Smoker will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 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 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.isaconline.org. Conference cost is \$130.00. For room reservations: 1/309-698-3333. Use the room block code: APP.

