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CISCO LUNCHEON A SMASH HIT

CISCO's first post-pandemic event was an enormous success as 450 guests came to the IBEW 134 Hall in Chicago to hear Keynote Speaker Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, and Guest Speaker U.S. Senator Dick Durbin give rousing accounts about the power of education, the importance of union jobs to our economy, and our country's future infrastructure plan.

The guests were also treated to CISCO's dual presentations of its 2021 Scholarship Awards, as well as the 2020 Pride in Construction Awards.

Mayor Lightfoot stated in her remarks that "It's union workers who build and repair the roads and bridges we drive on, lay the concrete on the sidewalks, where we walk, run and play, and install the foundation and plumbing for the homes we live in, the buildings where we work, the schools we learn in, and the hospital where we go to get better."



"From the inside out, she continued, steady union hands have made our cities and our neighborhoods stronger, more stable and more beautiful. And if you need proof, look no further than our great city, which was built from the ground up by union labor."

During Senator Durbin's remarks, he made the case for passing President Biden's \$1 trillion plan to invest in upgrading the nation's infrastructure of roads, bridges, ports, airports, transit systems and more.



"The country and Illinois needs this bill to pass more than ever," Durbin said. "Decades of declining public investment has left our roads, bridges, rail and transit systems in poor condition."

"Wednesday (today) the Senate will conduct a "test vote" on the latest compromise proposal, and we will do everything in our power to get this much needed legislation to become reality," Durbin added.

Prior to the Mayor's remarks, Executive Director Dan Allen introduced the scholarship winners and they were joined by the Mayor, Board President Dave Henderson and Board Member Melanie Izral.



While accepting her award, Isabelle Schroedle is joined by Mayor Lightfoot, Melanie Izral and Dave Henderson.

The winners were:
Four-year scholarship winners:

- 1) **Bianca Arriaga** – Latin School of Chicago; Parent - Roofers & Waterproofers Local 11.
- 2) **Braiya Nolan** – Williams Bay HS; Parent - Carpenters Local 1027.
- 3) **Olivia Gardner** – Plainfield North HS; Parent - Gibson Electric/Electrical Contractors' Association of Chicago.

Two-year scholarship winners:

- 4) **Kyle Strite** – Oregon HS; Parent - Local Union 792/Concrete Systems.

5) **Isabelle Schroedle** – Joliet Catholic Academy; Parent - Carpenters Local 10.

Continuing Education scholarships:

6) **Michael Chiamonte** – Elmhurst University; Affiliation - McWilliams Electric Company, Inc.

7) **Michael Repel** – City Colleges of Chicago, Kennedy King College; Affiliation - LIUNA - Laborers Local 1092.

After Mayor Lightfoot remarks concluded, Dan Allen introduced the individual award winners of the Pride in Construction awards.

- Educator of the Year: **Jill Nagel, Counselor at St. Rita High School.**
- Public Body of the Year: **Housing Authority of Cook County.**
- Labor Advocate of the Year: **State Representative Marcus Evans**



HACC Executive Director Rich Monocchio accepts the Public Body of the Year Award with Dan Allen and Board President Dave Henderson.

The final group of presentations were the winners of the Project of the Year categories. On hand to accept awards were owners and representatives/project team members of the general contractors or project submitters. (cont. page 2)

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The Project of the Year winners:

New Construction - Chicago (Above \$20m): **Navy Pier Hotel & Rooftop Venue**; GC - James McHugh.

New Construction - City/Suburbs (Under \$20m): **University of Chicago Medicine River East Ambulatory Care Center**; GC - Turner Construction

Infrastructure: **CDOT Lake Front Trail Phase 2**; GC - Kenny Construction

Rehabilitation: **Chicago Riverwalk Esplanade**; GC - F.H. Paschen

Residential: **NEMA Chicago**; GC - James McHugh Construction.



F.H. Paschen team members are recognized for their award.



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