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CONSTRUCTION NEWS BRIEFS

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CISCO EDUCATION TRAIN KEEPS CHUGGING, ADDS ANOTHER WEBINAR: "TRACKS TO TRADES"

CISCO's ETC Director Johnetta Ryan and Dan Allen will both serve as panelists for an upcoming webinar called "Tracks to Trades" beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 21.

The webinar will be held at Senn High School and ONLY Senn High School students can register.

TRACKS TO TRADES WEBINARS

- What's a Trade Apprenticeship?**
Find out from building trade union members the requirements for entry into apprenticeships.
Fact: Did you know construction trade apprenticeships are EARN WHILE YOU LEARN?
- Safety In Construction**
Learn how contractors ensure Safety First on construction projects.
Fact: Safety training is mandatory provided all employees in the construction industry.
- Trades Application Workshop**
Come learn about some of the most common mistakes when completing an application for the building trade unions.
Fact: The construction industry in the US is worth \$1.18 trillion dollars
- Resume/ Interviewing Workshop**
Brush up on those interview skills and learn what it takes to have an eye catching resume.
Fact: The US construction industry employs roughly 7.9 million people.
- Dress for Success**
Come learn the Do's and Don'ts of Interview Attire.
Fact: Dressing to impress gives you a competitive edge.
- Networking Fair**
Come network with construction contractors and building trade members and discuss workforce opportunities.

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The webinar is being jointly coordinated by CISCO, the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) and Trinal - a diversity and inclusive economic development consulting firm. The goal is to provide similar webinars featuring various trades to schools throughout our service area.

BLUE ANGELS PAY TRIBUTE TO ESSENTIAL WORKERS

Last week, the Blue Angels squadron conducted a 15-minute flyover of Chicago to thank frontline workers and ESSENTIAL WORKERS. The salute

pertains to ALL of our union building trades men and women, as well as our union contractors.



Photo credit: Joe Glynn, IBEW Local 134.

The Navy pilots have been part of a series of an ongoing salutes in the skies across the country and have already toured several major U.S. cities including New York, Philadelphia, Washington D.C., Jacksonville and Miami. Last week, in addition to Chicago, the Blue Angels flew over Detroit and Indianapolis.

COMPLIMENTARY WEEKLY WEBINARS ADDRESSING COVID - 19

The Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA) is hosting a series of webinars on "Labor and Employment Relations During the COVID-19 Pandemic."

These will all be on Thursdays at or around mid-day New York time, hosted by a mix of LERA Industry Councils, Interest Sections, and Local Chapters. The one-hour facilitated sessions will begin with brief comments by leading experts (5 minutes each), followed by open forum dialogue.

CISCO's Executive Director Dan Allen will be one of the panelists for the May 28th session, which will run from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. CST. The goal is to deepen understanding for the breadth of labor and employment relations matters during the COVID-19 pandemic. To register, go to: <https://www.leraweb.org/covid19-webinars>

CISCO/CTA "CONSTRUCTION TALKS" CONTINUE THROUGH MAY

CISCO's long-standing partnership with the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) and other affiliates continues.

The first session featured the Carpenters Apprenticeship Program. Upcoming episodes: IBEW Local 134 on May 29; Roofers & Waterproofers Local 11 on Friday, June 19.

CONSTRUCTION TALKS

Interested in learning more about **CAREERS** in the **CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY** ?

Join us at **12PM EVERY FRIDAY**

May 22, 2020
Justice Involved in Construction
Co-Hosted by Safer Foundation
Register Here! <https://tinyurl.com/ConstructionTalks05222020>

May 29, 2020
Trades Talks
Register Here! <https://tinyurl.com/ConstructionTalks05292020>

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CISCO ON THE MOVE

FORMER SCHOLARSHIP WINNER SENDS CISCO LETTER OF THANKS

After completing her first full year at Illinois State University, one of last year's Scholarship winners, Lourdes Alvarez (a graduate of York High School) sent CISCO a letter of thanks. Here are excerpts of that note:



Lourdes Alvarez and her family pose during last year's Annual Luncheon.

"Thank you and the members of CISCO for giving me and my family this wonderful opportunity to further my education. My first year was both eye opening and challenging.

I am officially double majoring in Political Science and Spanish. I will be starting my Legal studies minor classes in the Spring semester of 2021. I am member of (ALAS) Association of Latin American Students and National Society of Leadership and Success.

While on campus I realized the importance of discipline and time management. While my mother doesn't believe me, I do spend most of my time at Milner Library. In fact, during finals week my roommates started complaining how they never see me anymore.

However, my hard work paid off because in those weeks I finalized the grades I have strived for all semester long. My family and I would like to thank the board of CISCO and all those who help with the scholarship program. If it wasn't for your generosity I may not have had a successful first year at ISU. I hope you and all of CISCO families are staying safe at this time."

Sincerely, Lourdes Alvarez

CONSTRUCTION SAFETY COUNCIL REOPENS TO IN-PERSON TRAINING



Effective Monday, May 18th, the Construction Safety Council welcomed the return of in-person training at its Hillside location, while following state and health safety guidelines.

The Construction Safety Council will continue to closely monitor the impact of COVID-19 and amend operations, as necessary, in response to current events. The Council is open to support delivery of essential construction safety training. If you have any questions, please call us at 708-449-8600.

UCA OFFERS VIRTUAL TOOL BOX TALKS NEXT TWO THURSDAYS



Upcoming Tool Box talks offered by the Underground Contractors

Association coming soon.

➔ **May 21** - Working Safely Around Pipelines - Special Guest Aaron Hoerchler, Operations Supervisor with Kinder Morgan. This session will focus on the importance of working together on a site that involves a pipeline. Aaron will emphasize the importance of communication and understanding the role the pipeline operator has while on your job site as required by federal statute.

➔ **May 28** - Enforcement of the One-Call Law - Special Guest from the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC), One-Call Enforcement Division. This session will focus on the enforcement process and a review of historical trends in the enforcement division at the ICC. Tips and suggestions on how to maintain compliance with the law will be discussed.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



The Illinois General Assembly will return to Springfield to hold a three-day session (May 20-22). The agenda will include

among others: COVID-19 pandemic issues, state budget, economic recovery, infrastructure projects/funding, and the 2020 General Election. Some construction-related bills that are being monitored include:

1) Workers Compensation - Consideration of a rule regarding essential workers who contract COVID-19.

2) Prompt Payment Act - A new proposal to change the interest percentage for state vendors and providers after six months of non-payment.

3) HB 5769 - New legislation requiring essential employers to provide protective equipment to employees/independent contractors.

IDOL SETS TRAINING DATE FOR PREVAILING WAGE PORTAL

To facilitate the process of filing your rates with the department, a May 21st training session will be held via webinar at 2:00 p.m. To register, please contact Jason Keller, Assistant Director at (217) 782-1706 or via email - Jason.Keller@illinois.gov

Filing begins on June 1, 2020. The information (collectively bargained wage and fringe benefit rates paid to your members for work they perform on public works projects) you submit to the portal during the month of June will assist IDOL in preparing its annual prevailing rate publication on July 15.

