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## CONSTRUCTION NEWS BRIEFS

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### FIVE STUDENTS CHOSEN 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.*

# CISCO ON THE MOVE

## CISCO/CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS CONDUCT HANDS-ON EXPO EVENT

CISCO teamed up with long-time partner CPS on Monday for a Hands-On Expo at the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters' Apprenticeship & Training satellite facility in Chicago.

Seven trades were present as approximately 75 students attended from 3 area high schools. In addition to the trades, the Construction Safety Council was on hand to show students how safety is an integral component of training in the industry.

### Apprentice Perspective

In addition to a variety of instructors and apprenticeship coordinators, five apprentices were at the expo demonstrating some of the basic techniques of their craft.

IBEW Local 134's 3rd-year apprentice **Jose Lopez** said "It's a great idea to expose students to the benefits of working in the trades and with your hands."

"There is a huge value to events like these, because not only are these students excited about it, but they go back to school and share their experience with other classmates and spread the word," Lopez added.

**Chris Hardin**, a 2nd-year apprenticeship with the Bricklayers said "I am showing these kids that there are other options out there other than college."

"They can relate to me because I am only a few years older, and I can help them understand what a great opportunity this career is," he said.

Another 2nd-year apprentice, **John Brunson** with the Ceramic Tile Setters agreed with his peers. "This is a chance for me to give back, in a sense, to the students and help educate them about the construction process. They see a finished building, but they're not aware of how that structure was put together."



*IBEW Local 134 3rd-year Apprentice Lily Wu watches as a student tries a wiring exercise.*



*Carpenters Assistant Apprenticeship Coordinator Maria Tybor helps these students with the cordless drill for a measuring and cutting exercise.*



*Pipefitters Local 597 Admissions Director Adam Sutter shows a student how to operate the fitting device.*



*The Construction Safety Council's Paul Satti and Denise Rosicky discuss the various tools and techniques that are used at a construction site to ensure that injuries are limited and workers return home safely.*

## 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.isaconline.org](http://www.isaconline.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.

