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### CISCO HOSTS RECORD-BREAKING LUNCHEON WITH HUGE CROWD

The Chicago Maggiano's on Clark Street was bursting at the seams as more than 375 CISCO members and supporters came to hear Mayor Rahm Emanuel provide an enlightening overview of many of Chicago's construction projects and initiatives.

Restaurant officials confirmed it was the largest crowd for their banquet facility, and additionally, this was the most attendees for a CISCO luncheon in the organization's history as well.

CISCO Executive Director Dan Allen set the tone as he introduced Mayor Emanuel by reiterating the well-documented recovery efforts of the city as last year marked a post-recession

record with 48 crane permits. Allen added that the building boom has added thousands of jobs, as each crane represents between 800-1,200 union construction jobs.

In addition, the Mayor cited other Chicago accomplishments over the past five years in his 20-minute keynote address.

He said that Chicago ranked at the top of U.S. cities in 1) corporate relocation, 2) direct foreign investment, 3) economic growth - faster than even the U.S. economy, New York or Washington D.C., and 4) largest drop among the top 4 cities in poverty level.

In terms of the fast growing economy, Mayor Emanuel added, "This growth occurred without either

Wall Street or the federal government driving it, but rather it is the men and women in this room who have been driving that economic growth."

In addition to the Mayor's remarks, the luncheon was highlighted by the recognition of CISCO's scholarship award winners. The five students' high school achievements were highlighted, and a representative of the parents trade union presented the winner with a plaque and check.

Also, Gateway to Learning (GTL), a special education and training center in Chicago provided beautifully packaged cookies for each guest at the luncheon.

More pictures and information about the scholarship winners and the GTL donations on page 2.



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# CISCO ON THE MOVE

## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS HONORED DURING LUNCHEON

The winners of CISCO's 2017 Scholarship Program were formally recognized during CISCO's Annual Luncheon last week Friday.



*Pictured with CISCO Board President Loretta Molter are from left: Kiana Gleason, James Boldt, Camille Paddock, James Shanahan and Paige Thiel.*

### Four-year scholarship winners:

- 1) **Camille Paddock** - Huntley High School - Camille's father is a member of Operating Engineers Local 150;
- 2) **James Shanahan** - Lyons Township High School - James' father is affiliated with Carpenters Local 1; and
- 3) **Paige Thiel** - Prospect High School - Paige's mother is affiliated with G.W. Thiel, Inc.

### Two-year scholarship winners:

- 1) **Kiana Gleason** - Willowbrook High School - Kiana's father is a member of BAC Local 21 Tilesetters & Finishers; and
- 2) **James Boldt** - Prospect High School - James' father is a member of the Laborers' Local 4.



*Scholarship winner James Boldt with parents Diane and Jeff Boldt.*

Congratulations to this year's winners, and best of luck in all of your future endeavors as you pursue your academic goals and dreams!

## MORE LUNCHEON PHOTOS FROM RECORD-BREAKING CROWD

To view more photos, visit CISCO's Photo Gallery - <http://www.cisco.org/photo-gallery/>



## CHARITY GIVES BACK TO UNION CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

The inspirational moment of the event occurred when members of Gateway to Learning (GTL) presented Mayor Emanuel with a tray of desserts that was part of the organization's donation of cookies for all of the luncheon guests.



*Mayor Rahm Emanuel accepts a tray of desserts from Gateway to Learning participants (from left) Chloe and Coleen.*

Gateway to Learning is a special education and training center that provides services for individuals with intellectual disabilities in order for them to reach their full potential.

One of the themes of the luncheon showed how both contractors and the building trades give back to the community, and having GTL provide treats represented a way for them to give back to the union construction industry.

Building trades such as the Painters District Local #14 have volunteered their services to GTL in the past.



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