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CISCO ANNOUNCES 2020 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS



During these days of uncertainty, it is heartwarming to communicate some good news.

The winners of CISCO's 2020 Scholarship Program were recently chosen via independent evaluation, and the students will be formally recognized and honored during CISCO's Annual Luncheon, which has yet to be rescheduled due to the coronavirus shelter-in-place that now has been extended to April 30, 2020.

An independent review of dozens of entries was conducted and the winners were certified and contacted. Eligible students were the sons and daughters of either building trade union members or union contractor employees. A total of five (5) winners were chosen: Three in the 4-year category, two in the 2-year community college category.

Four-year scholarship winners:

- 1) **Nikolina Vujcic** – Maine West HS; Father is member of Carpenters Local 54
- 2) **Theresa LoGiudice** – Fenwick HS; Father is member of IBEW Local 134
- 3) **Joshua Thompson** – Plainfield South HS – Father is member of Operating Engineers Local 150

Two-year scholarship winners:

- 4) **MaKayla Kempf** – Crystal Lake Central HS; Father is member of Pipefitters Local 597.
- 5) **Monserrat Chavez** – West Leyden HS; Father is member of International Association of Machinist & Aerospace Workers.

CISCO MAKES DONATION TO LOMBARD'S RIGHTEOUS KITCHEN

Righteous Kitchen, founded last year by Mimi and Matt Tolkin of Lombard, has launched a GoFundMe campaign to provide meals to healthcare workers and first responders during the pandemic.

CISCO recently made one of the top donations for this worthy cause - dubbed "Feed the Frontline."



Above are two pictures showing appreciative healthcare workers accepting the food contributions.

If you would like to make a donation to this worthy cause go to: <https://www.righteouskitch.com/> and click on the GoFundMe link on their company's Homepage.

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY STEPS UP IN TIME OF NEED

The phrase "Union Strong" was never more appropriate than it is today. It stands for the brother/sisterhood and camaraderie that exists among building trades workers. And when a brother or sister needs help, everyone springs into action.

Examples of good deeds are cropping up everywhere and here are few examples below:

➔ Chicago Laborers' Training Fund stepped up w/ donations of more than 600 N95 masks to the Carol Stream Police and Fire Departments First responders/health care workers across Illinois need Personal Protective Equipment.

➔ Carpenters Local 13 answered the call by working at Stroger Hospital setting up temporary coronavirus testing shelters to help stop the spread.

➔ PowerForward DuPage member contractor Gibson Electric is POWERing through by donating N95 masks to a local hospital. These masks are providing our healthcare workers critical protection.

➔ Painters District Council # 14's Apprenticeship Program chipped in as well. They donated over 200 P95 respirator masks (model 7502) manufactured by 3M to the University of Chicago. The U of C will be distributing the much needed equipment to Chicagoland area hospitals.

➔ Powering Chicago members helped IBEW Local 134 retirees recently as 15 volunteers came together at the Local 134 Union Hall to organize care packages for nearly 60 IBEW Local 134 retirees. The volunteers, consisting of business agents and apprentices, organized the packages with bread and non-perishable foods, which were delivered by truck to the retirees.

More news and photos on the back page.

CISCO ON THE MOVE

GOV. PRITZKER EXTENDS “STAY-AT-HOME” ORDER TO APRIL 30TH

By Executive Order, Governor JB Pritzker extended the “Stay-at-Home” order through April 30, 2020. The announcement was made during his daily press conference on Tuesday, March 31st.



Governor Pritzker is flanked by Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot (right) and Illinois AFL-CIO President Tim Drea (left).

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot followed the Governor’s comments by focusing on the city’s healthcare system and supporting the healthcare workers who “are clearly on the front lines.” She also praised the first responders who “literally run to danger in this time like no other.”

In order to relieve the pressure on those two groups, the Mayor talked about hotel rooms for healthcare workers and first responders, and mentioned the progress to convert McCormick Place into a makeshift hospital. (See article in 3rd column.)

UNION PERSPECTIVE

The Mayor’s remarks were echoed by Illinois AFL-CIO President Tim Drea, who reminded the viewers that we should not forget the thousands of workers who are in the trenches of this crisis on a daily basis.

“As we all come together to stay at home and out of harm’s way, we must never forget the selfless service of Illinoisans on the front lines of this pandemic: our health care workers, first responders, grocery workers, child care providers, letter carriers, tradesmen and women, and so many more. They are going to work

to serve and protect us, putting themselves and their families at great personal risk, because they have a job to do. Their sacrifices are real and meaningful, and we should all take time to think about them and thank them for keeping up the fight. We will all get through this together,” said Tim Drea, President of the Illinois AFL-CIO.

President Drea also mentioned the many skilled workers who are working on water and sewer projects, trades workers who maintain our utility facilities that keep the power grids running, as well as mass transit employees and manufacturing workers who are serving a vital role.



Trades workers involved in a Chicago Water Reclamation District sewer project.

COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS

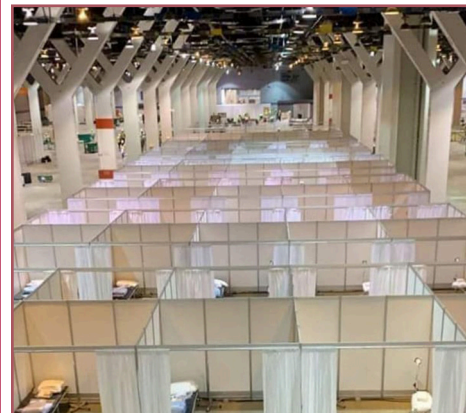
In what is truly the ultimate collaborative effort among labor and management is the way the union contractors and union building trades have come together to establish, execute and enforce the most stringent worksite procedures to keep both employees and the public safe during this pandemic.

Safety has been the number one priority as each trade and contractor have agreed on providing resources promoting personal hygiene, supplying PPEs and necessary training, enforcing six feet of separation and actively encouraging sick employees to stay home.

Labor and management have come together to use the same ingenuity used on a construction project to protect workers’ health and safety.

HOSPITAL SITE PLANNED FOR McCORMICK PLACE

McCormick Place will be converted into Illinois’ first field hospital to handle 3,000 coronavirus patients as the state braces for an inevitable surge in cases.



First batch of 500 beds completed at McCormick Place.

The Walsh Group was chosen to work with the Army Corps of Engineers on the project, as they team up to convert the facility’s three main halls into a makeshift hospital.

The Chicago Department of Public Health said that 500 beds are expected to be ready today. The three Halls will be available to treat patients of varying degrees of severity to reduce the over-crowding of hospitals with COVID-19 patients.

Vacant hospitals will be reactivated with the help of union contractors and skilled trades workers to supplement these 3,000 beds.

“This is a great example of union workers and contractors working hand-in-hand with the Army Corp of Engineers to build a temporary hospital during such an unprecedented situation,” said CISCO Executive Director Dan Allen.

