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CHICAGO MAYOR SCHEDULED SPEAKER AT CISCO LUNCHEON - APRIL 21, 2017

CISCO is officially announcing that Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel is the scheduled speaker at this year's Annual Luncheon set for Friday, April 21.



NOTE: This year's luncheon will be held at Maggiano's Little Italy Chicago at 516 North Clark Street. Registration begins at 11:00 am with the Lunch/Program starting at Noon.

There will undoubtedly be a high demand for tickets, and CISCO recommends that you register early for this event. A table of 10 guests will cost \$800; single guests will be \$85 each. Cost includes three-course luncheon, open bar and complimentary valet parking.

To register, contact Julia Mulvey at (630) 472-9411 or via email: julia@cisco.org.

If your organization would like to be listed as a sponsor of the luncheon, the cost is \$250. Your company's name will be listed in the program, shown prominently during the event, and mentioned during remarks.

More promotional information will be forthcoming in the next two weeks, and details will be posted on CISCO's website - www.cisco.org.

Under Mayor Rahm Emanuel, the City of Chicago has experienced a construction renaissance. In addition to having set a post-recession record for crane permits in 2016, Chicago was recently named by the *PitchBook* research company as the top city for the most profitable start up companies in the country.

Chicago's construction boom is further evidenced by its record number of building permits, the billion dollar renovation of CTA infrastructure, as well as the billion dollar-plus redevelopment program for Navy Pier and the McCormick Square neighborhood to name just a few examples.

CISCO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS TO BE HONORED DURING LUNCHEON

Having extended the deadline to Friday, February 24, CISCO expects to be reviewing all applications for its 2017 Scholarship Program next week, before the Board of Directors announces the winners.



The winners will be recognized at the Annual Luncheon on April 21st. CISCO presents (3) four-year scholarships (\$2,000/year) to high school seniors; (2) two-year awards (\$1,000/year) for seniors attending community college; and (2) two-year continuing education awards (\$1,000/year) to union members or contractor employees.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

After holding its recent Legislative Committee meeting on Feb. 13, there were some recent developments on both the state and federal fronts.

1) A press release was issued by the Governor's Office this week stating that Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) Director Hugo Chaviano had been replaced, for now, by Deputy Director Anna Hui.

2) The New Hampshire State Assembly did not pass anti-union legislation last week – a victory for working families.

3) According to NBC News: AFL-CIO's President Richard Trumka said, "Working people changed the game on this nomination. Unlike Andy Puzder, Alexander Acosta's nomination deserves serious consideration. In one day, we've gone from a fast-food CEO who routinely violates labor law to a public servant with experience enforcing it."

ASA EXPO AND CONSTRUCTION SAFETY CONFERENCE - MARCH 6-7

ASA Chicago and the Construction Safety Council will once again bring together construction professionals, safety specialists and vendors for two days of safety sessions and networking. The event will be held March 6-7 at the Drury Lane Conference Ctr. in Oakbrook Terrace.



Registration begins at 7:00 am on both days. The cost to attend the ASA Expo on March 7 is \$20 per person. Construction Safety seminars are available at an extra cost. For more information, call ASA Chicago at (847) 827-8336, or visit asachicago.org to register online.

More news and photos on the back page.

CISCO ON THE MOVE

CORROSION FORUM - CHICAGO 2017

If you are a corrosion engineer, architect or Public Works Manager, this forum is for you. The event will be held on Thursday, March 9 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Painting & Drywall Finishing Joint Apprenticeship & Training Center, 1101 N. Taft Ave., Berkeley, IL 60163.



There is free registration and a catered lunch. For more information, please contact: Jay Kolder: jayk@corrosionforumchicago.com.

CHICAGO AREA LECET'S 15th ANNUAL SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Chicago Area LECET will be holding its 15th Annual Safety Incentive Program (SIP) Awards Ceremony on Friday, March 10, 2017. This event is a celebration of the commitment the union contractors and laborers of LECET have made to keeping job safety a top priority.

The ceremony will be highlighted by a grand prize contest featuring 12 finalists who have remained Safety Driven throughout 2016. One lucky laborer will drive home a brand new pick-up truck! For more information, please contact Pat Hosty (phosty@chicagolecet.org) or Paul Gehrman (pgehrmann@chicagolecet.org) at (630) 655-8935 by March 3rd.

CISCO TO CO-SPONSOR CPS HANDS-ON EXPO AT CARPENTERS APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINING CTR.

CISCO will co-sponsor a Hands-On Expo with the Chicago Public Schools on Tuesday, March 14 at the Carpenters Apprenticeship & Training Center satellite location in Chicago at 2141 S. Union Avenue.

This event features representatives from many different trades who will instruct students from CPS schools as they try out basic techniques giving them an idea of what it is like to lay brick, run a jackhammer or hammer a nail.



Carpenters Assistant Apprenticeship Coordinators Nick Sanfilippo (left) and Kina McAfee supervise a hammering exercise with a group of CPS students during last year's hands-on event in Chicago.

APPRENTICESHIP APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

Beginning on various dates in March and April, three different trades will be accepting applications for their respective apprenticeship programs:

- 1) **Sprinkler Fitters Local 281** will be accepting applications from March 14 through March 17; March 21-24 and again on March 27;
- 2) **Technical Engineers Local 130** will be accepting applications from March 21 through April 5; and
- 3) **Iron Workers Local 393** will be accepting applications from March 28 through April 1 and April 4-8.

Visit CISCO's website - www.cisco.org for all of the details on what is

required during the application process. In addition, watch CISCO's website for updates on other trades and potential openings in their apprenticeship programs. For more information about the apprenticeship programs, please contact Johnetta Ryan, Director of Education-to-Careers at (630) 472-9411.

LOCAL 130 JAC CHICAGO CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION STATUS

During a recent Plumbing Contractors Association (PCA) membership meeting, PCA 2nd Vice President and JAC Trustee Matt Erickson provided an update on the new UA Local 130 JAC Training Center currently under construction at 1400 West Washington Blvd. in Chicago.

The project is on schedule and is projected to be completed in June of 2017. There is a rich history surrounding the JAC Training Center, and to read more, click the following link courtesy of PCA/PCA Midwest: <http://cisco.org/wp-content/pdf/130-jac-history.pdf>

INDUSTRY NEWS

Willis Tower owner Blackstone Group recently outlined its vision for a \$500 million redevelopment of Chicago's tallest building - the largest capital investment ever in a property.

During a recent presentation to the media, the New York-based private-equity giant described a project it believes will transform the area around the 110-story office tower into a bustling destination for food, drink, shopping and entertainment.

We stated on page 1 that Chicago was experiencing a construction renaissance. It sure looks that way!

