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### ANNUAL LUNCHEON ONE MONTH AWAY - APRIL 29, 2022



CISCO's Annual Luncheon is approaching fast and is scheduled for Friday, April 29th at Noon at Maggiano's Little Italy in Schaumburg.

The event will feature Keynote Speaker Javier Ramirez, Deputy Director of Field Operation for the Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service (FMCS), as well as the recognition ceremony of CISCO's 2022 Scholarship Award winners.

#### About The Speaker

Javier Ramirez began his FMCS career as a Commissioner in 2005. Currently, Javier is a member of the U.S. Senior Executive Staff serving as the FMCS Deputy Director of Field Operations, responsible for leading all U.S. Federal Mediators. President Biden nominated Mr. Ramirez to be the 20th Director of FMCS in June 2021.

Javier mediated disputes in all sectors of the economy (except air and rail) in professions such as the performing arts, public safety, education, hospitality, healthcare, manufacturing, and packing houses, to name just a few. Javier facilitated and/or mediated multi-party disputes in manufacturing, construction, and education. He was on the facilitation team for several regulatory negotiations, including the Department of Energy (DOE) negotiations that resulted in the largest energy-saving rule in DOE history.

Javier also trained and successfully facilitated parties in various collaborative bargaining models.

Prior to FMCS, Javier spent over 14 years in labor relations. His efforts have been featured in Rolling Stone, Chicago Tribune Magazine, Chicago Lawyer Magazine, cited in the New York Times Best Seller Fast Food Nation, and recognized by the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers.

#### Event Registration

Tickets for the event are \$75 per person or \$700 per table of 10 guests. Registration at the event begins at 11:00 a.m. and the program begins at noon. There will be a catered lunch with open bar and free parking.

**Organizations may sponsor this event at \$250.** This includes multiple event mentions during the program and in printed form.

To register and for more details, contact CISCO's Office Manager Julia Mulvey at (630) 472-9411 or via email - [julia@cisco.org](mailto:julia@cisco.org)

#### MEET THE RECIPIENTS OF CISCO'S SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



The winners of CISCO's 2022 Scholarship Program were recently chosen

via independent evaluation, and the students will be formally recognized and honored during CISCO's Annual Luncheon, which is scheduled for Friday, April 29th.

An independent review of all the 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 six (6) winners were chosen:

#### Four-year scholarship winners:

1) **Sophia Alvarez** – York High School in Elmhurst; Parent - Laborers' Local 582

2) **Julia Chom** – Hoffman Estates High School; Parent - IBEW Local 134

3) **Katelyn McCann** – Wilmington High School; Parent - IBEW Local 134

#### Two-year scholarship winners:

4) **Sophie Brown** – Lisle High School; Parent - UBC Carpenters Local 1889

5) **Leonardo Barrientos** – Lane Tech High School; Parent - Bricklayers Local 21

#### Continuing Education scholarship:

6) **Michael Chiamonte** – Elmhurst University; Affiliation - McWilliams Electric Company, Inc.

Congratulations to this year's winners!

#### UCA SPRING SHOWCASE - APRIL 19



The Underground Contractors Association will hold its Spring Showcase on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at Venuti's Ristorante in Addison beginning at 5:00 pm.

Visit [www.uca.org](http://www.uca.org) for more information or call UCA at (630) 467-1919.

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# CISCO ON THE MOVE

## CPS SKILLED TRADES CAREER FAIR DRAWS OVER 3,000 STUDENTS



Another CISCO partnering effort - this time with Chicago Public Schools and the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership - attracted more than 3,000 students to McCormick Place for a three day (March 22-24) Career Fair that featured 12 different building trades and dozens of contractors, pre-apprentice programs and other organizations.

Open to CPS students only, the goal of the Career Fair was to expose and connect students at risk of becoming disconnected from work and school after graduation, with the necessary information and tools to explore a career in the skilled trades.

"This event provided students with knowledge relating to the many different career paths within the union constitution industry," said Dan Allen, CISCO Executive Director. "The skilled trades allow you to 'earn while you learn,' graduate nearly or completely debt-free, receive excellent benefits, and secure a path to the middle class.



*CISCO's Dan Allen speaks about the opportunities within the trades.*

"Between the groundbreaking of mega construction projects within the Chicagoland area, and the industry's increased demand for skilled workers, CPS students have a unique opportunity to pursue fulfilling careers within the union construction

industry," Allen added.

The opening day featured speakers Mayor Lori Lightfoot, CPS CEO Pedro Martinez and Quintin Scott, a CPS student who is now interning with Pipefitters Local 597.



*Mayor Lightfoot (center) listens to Dan Penski, Jr. of the Painters DC #14.*

"Everywhere you look, you can see how the skilled trades and union labor has influenced and built our strong city," said Mayor Lightfoot.

"Skilled trades and their unions are vital to keeping our communities running," she added.



*A CPS student tries to lay brick during a hands-on demonstration.*

CPS currently offers 12 Career and Technical Education (CTE) construction trades programs across the city, and students showcased their work at the Skilled Trades Career Fair.

"The fair was a great opportunity for our students to learn how to apply core educational skills to a skilled trade," said Chicago Public Schools CEO Pedro Martinez.

Chicago Builds (another program that CISCO was involved in helping get off the ground) is a unique 2-year off-



*The Laborers' booth saw a lot of action.*



*IBEW Local 134's Maurice King watches as a student tests her dexterity.*

campus program offering CPS juniors and seniors an opportunity to receive technical training in electricity and other skilled trades fields.



*Sheet Metal Workers Local 73 meets and greets interested students.*

Quintin Scott, a current CPS student and participant in the Chicago Builds Program said. "I'm so grateful to be able to be where I am today.

"Not many high school students get opportunities like this so I want to take advantage of it. I strongly believe that the Skilled Trades Career Fair can be life-changing for students."



*A student tries virtual welding at the Pipefitters Local 597 booth.*

