

CONSTRUCTION NEWS BRIEFS

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ANNUAL LUNCHEON - A HOME RUN!

CISCO's Annual Luncheon touched all the bases with a dynamic keynote speaker, the glowing faces and families of 5 scholarship winners, and a surprise presentation to two long-term board members. And for good measure, about 250 guests enjoyed a delicious lunch last week courtesy of Maggiano's Little Italy in Schaumburg.



The event featured Keynote Speaker Javier Ramirez, Deputy Director of Field Operation for

the Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service (FMCS), the recognition ceremony of CISCO's 2022 Scholarship Award winners, and the honoring of CISCO's Board Members Jim McGlynn and Dave Henderson, who were marking their 30th and 25th years of serving on the board, respectively.



Gathered with Keynote Speaker Javier Ramirez (back row, far right) are (front row, from left) Pastor Kevin Ford, St. Paul Church of God in Christ; David Henderson, CISCO Board Member; John Daniel, CISCO Board President and President/ Business Manager of SMART Local 265; Javier's mother Sarah Ramirez and Javier's father Ruben Ramirez. Back row, from left: S.J. Peters, CISCO Board Secretary and Executive Director, PCA of Greater Chicago; Dan Allen CISCO Executive Director; Lori L. Abbott, President, Abbott Industries, Inc.; Kelly Castrogiovanni, President of Terry Plumbing Co. and 1st Vice President of the PCA of Greater Chicago: Jamillah Muhammad, CISCO ETC Director; and Jim McGlynn, CISCO Board Member.

In his remarks, Javier Ramirez talked about his childhood and remembered three phrases of wisdom from his parents that have helped shape his career: 1) Do the right thing; 2) Try to help others, and 3) Let your work speak for you.

He said that the FMCS was formed to help create labor peace. "Collaboration, communication, early intervention and third party mediation are all good tools to negotiate a contract," Ramirez said.

"In construction, too often, negotiators think it is a badge of honor to avoid federal mediation," he added. "But the industry should not feel embarrassed to take that route."



After Ramirez's remarks, the 2022 scholarship winners were honored. The recipients were:

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 Chiaramonte** – Elmhurst University; Affiliation -McWilliams Electric Company, Inc.



John Daniel (left) and Dan Allen (right) pose with the 2022 Scholarship Award recipients.









Board members Dave Henderson (center left) and Jim McGlynn (center right) are recognized for service milestones with John Daniel and Dan Allen.



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CISCO ON THE MOVE

WORTH TOWNSHIP BUILDING TRADES CAREER FAIR



CISCO and the Chicago & Cook County Building Trades joined forces to hold a building trades career fair

on Tuesday, April 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Worth Township Gymnasium, 11601 S. Pulaski Road in Alsip, IL 60803.

Hands-on exhibits for students were available along with support for entrance tests. Below are photos from the event.



Carpenters



Elevator Constructors



IBEW Local 9



Sprinkler Fitters Local 281

BROTHER RICE CONSTRUCTION CAREERS TRADES DAY

CISCO and the Chicago & Cook County Building Trades partnered with Brother Rice High School in Chicago to hold "Careers in Construction Trades Day" on Wednesday, April 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Students got a chance to meet several different apprenticeship coordinators and instructors who were on hand to educate them about a career in the union construction industry. Instructors had interactive demonstrations and provided information on the application process, wages and benefits.



Pipefitters Local 597



Teamsters



Roofers & Waterproofers Local 11



Tuckpointers & Bricklayers

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SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM



CISCO joined in celebrating the graduating class from the South Suburban College Construction Program as guests at the Luncheon. Apprentices are the lifeblood of our industry, and several of the graduates pictured above have already been accepted into union apprenticeship programs. CISCO's partnership with Rebecca Garcia, Program Coordinator, has been successful in its efforts to recruit new apprentices. Congrats!

