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#### CISCO'S JOHNETTA RYAN RECOGNIZED WITH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Great Lakes Construction Association (GLCA) recognized CISCO's



Director of Education-to-Careers Johnetta Ryan with the prestigious Robert W. MacGruder Lifetime Achievement

Award recently at the Sanfilippo Estate in Barrington Hills, Illinois.

"Johnetta has been guiding students to our union trade apprentice programs and promoting careers in union construction via workshops, career fairs and presentations in Illinois for almost 20 years," Executive Director Dan Allen said in his introductory remarks.

Allen said that Johnetta exemplifies the spirit of leadership which Bob MacGruder demonstrated for the Lake County Contractor's Association (GLCA predecessor) for 23 years.

"What makes Johnetta so effective is she knows first hand the hard work and commitment it takes to be successful in this industry, and she doesn't sugar coat it," Allen added.



Johnetta Ryan poses with Dan Allen after receiving her lifetime achievement award.

In accepting the award, Johnetta

thanked the



GLCA, her CISCO co-workers and CISCO Board members, and the apprenticeship coordinators who attended the event. "I love my job," she added. "The Board has been supportive in backing me and

giving me the tools I

have needed to do my job."



Pictured above (from left) are Dan Allen, CISCO Executive Director; Tim Marabella, GLCA Executive Director; Johnetta Ryan; and CISCO Board Members Jim Allen and S.J. Peters. Peters is CISCO's Board Vice President.

In her closing remarks, Johnetta mentioned her father, who advised her in 1970, when she started at Illinois Bell to 'find your union steward during your first break, and sign up for the union. "That, she said, was the best advice he ever gave me."

The award is named in honor of Robert W. MacGruder, who was Executive Vice President of the Lake County Contractor's Association (GLCA predecessor) from 1973-1996 before his death in March of 2017.

#### OBAMA FOUNDATION SUMMIT DRAWS GLOBAL AUDIENCE

CISCO had a seat at the table during the recent Obama Foundation Summit as Executive Director Dan Allen was one of the speakers during Monday's many breakout sessions.

The session, "The Obama Presidential Center: How We Build Is Just As Important," featured Mike Strautmanis, Chief Engagement Officer, Obama Foundation; Charise Williams, Emerald South Economic Development Collaborative and Chicago Federation of Labor; Toni Griffin, Harvard Urban Planning, and Dan Allen.

With a steady trend of urban renewal in America over the last few decades, this session answered the questions: 1) How do we reinvest in our cities without displacing or disenfranchising current residents? 2) How do we manage growth so it benefits every resident?



Dan Allen describes to the session attendees how CISCO has worked with many Chicagoland organizations in order to recruit and attract a future group of diverse adults into the building trades, as well as eliminate barriers that would otherwise prevent this diverse group from successful acceptance and completion of an apprenticeship program.

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# **CISCO ON THE MOVE**

#### RCEC CELEBRATES THE SEASON

The successful partnership of the Residential Construction Employers Council (RCEC), the Residential Home Builders Alliance (RHBA) and School District 211, was on full display during the recent RCEC Holiday Dinner event.

Several organizations and trades were on hand to join RCEC and RHBA as they encourage the next generation of tradespeople who are enrolled in the District 211 building program by donating funds, work clothes and other work accessories.



Gary Perinar (right), Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters presents Mark Hibner of Palatine High School with a check for \$2,500 as District 211's Chris Gunsteen (left) and Jeff Isaacson, CRCC President look on.

Most notable among the donations were 100 Carhartt jackets provided by RCEC officers, and \$2500 contributed by the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters (see above photo).

#### NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK DRAWS HUNDREDS TO OPEN HOUSES

Three different trades held Open Houses last week, and drew hundreds to their training facilities:

1) The Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters (CRCC) hosted two separate days on November 14 & 15, featuring facility tours and presentations about the CRCC's successful registered apprenticeship program.

2) Plumbers Local 130 invited the public to learn how plumbers protect the health of the nation, with tours of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee's new Training Center in Chicago. And 3) the Painters District Council No. 30 also hosted an Apprenticeship Open House at their Training Center in Aurora.



PDC 30 Instructor David Panico explains to a tour group how to pull paper from the paste machine.

Participants had an opportunity to meet PDC 30 leaders, instructors and apprentices to learn more about the career opportunities.

#### CISCO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE - FEB. 22, 2019



CISCO is accepting applications for its 2019 Scholarship Program. The three

different categories enable a wider range of students of both union building trade members and union contractor employees to apply.



CISCO offers (3), four-year scholarships to high school seniors; (2),

two-year awards for seniors planning on attending a community college; and (2), two-year continuing education awards to union members or contractor employees.

All applications and accompanying documents must be postmarked by February 22, 2019. For more information, contact CISCO at 630.472.9411, or to download the appropriate application form, go to www.cisco.org/scholarships/

#### SCOUTS TO HONOR CARPENTERS' GARY PERINAR



The Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Executive Secretary-Treasurer Gary Perinar will be honored on Wednesday, Dec. 5th with the George Meany Award on

behalf of the Boy Scouts of America Pathway to Adventure Council.

The reception will begin at 6:00 pm at *The Ballroom* at 12 East Erie Street, Chicago, IL 60611.

#### PROJECT OF THE YEAR - DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS DECEMBER 5, 2018

CISCO'S Project of the Year Award is kicking off its 14th year of accepting applications for some of the best construction projects of the past 18 months. The award gives general contractors, owners, engineers and architects a chance to submit projects in six different categories that include the areas of new construction, renovation/rehabilitation, residential construction and infrastructure.

The deadline for applications is 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018. For more information, contact Gary Karafiat at 630.472.9411 or via email: gary@cisco.org. In addition, interested submitters should visit www.cisco.org/projects-of-the-year/ to download the application form.

#### **HAPPY THANKSGIVING !!**



CISCO wishes our members, supporters and their families a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving!

