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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
FALL CONFERENCE
NEW YEAR, NEW EDUCATION
Welcome to 2020! As I reflect on the past year, I realize we have a lot to be proud of... be on the lookout for our “Year in Review” that will soon be released. As I think about the year ahead, however, I also recognize that much of our work in both our local and national association doesn’t happen with simple, short-term goals on a checklist... we move forward because of the relationships we cultivate among our leadership with our contractors and union through the years.

Every year we check our progress within our strategic plan and think about what we can get done in a year. This year we were excited to open the door and have our young leaders on the Board and in the Emerging Leader Steering Committee drive the discussion. They’re working on points that matter to them and showing us what our future can hold. I look forward to seeing where this year takes us. All the best in 2020!

Brian Helm
President
Helm Group & Mechanical, Inc.
Labor

DRUG TESTING COMPLIANCE REMINDER: REPORTING GRANDFATHERED RESULTS

You can grandfather your pipefitters’ test results when they are selected for a random or periodic test by providing the following information to Paula Juengel at paula@cdsonsite.com or by fax at 866-645-6767:

1. For tests performed under the Three Rivers Manufacturing Association (TRMA) and the Building Construction Resource Center (BCRC) substance abuse testing programs, provide the individual’s name, date of test and drug test results (negative) from the applicable program website. For Three Rivers, obtain the information from the website of the applicable Third Party Administrator that performed the test.

2. For all other tests performed outside of the above programs, provide the actual laboratory test results.

Go to mca.org/labor/substance-abuse to learn more.

Legislative

Legal Cannabis:

Adults can now legally purchase, possess and consume cannabis in Illinois.

MCA of Chicago & 597’s drug testing program remains intact. While MCA of Chicago typically leads on issues that are important to our industry, this is one of those areas where there are much larger players than us. Therefore, we will most likely let those players lead this fight in both the legislature and the courtroom. We will, however, be open to offering any testimony or other assistance if needed. Once major questions are settled we may make adjustments to our programs as necessary and keep you informed along the way.

Go to mca.org/news/legal to learn more.
MCA of Chicago is committed to investing in the future of our industry, which was reflected in the Annual Scholarship Awards. In 2019, 11 scholarships were awarded for a total of $20,000.

Congratulations to this year’s recipients:

**HERB KREISMAN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**
$10,000 total funded by MCA of Chicago
- ANNIE JANSEN, Purdue University
- NATHANIEL FLEIG, Indiana State University
- BENJAMIN MICHAEL KAPLAN, Milwaukee School of Engineering
- TIMOTHY HEARLD, Purdue University

**JAMES MCCAULEY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**
$2,500 total funded by McCauley Mechanical Construction
- CIERRA VONDOHLEN, Indiana State University
- KYLE IGNASI A, Milwaukee School of Engineering

**OWEN MORAN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**
$2,500 total funded by F.E. Moran, Inc.
- NATE BEVERS, Milwaukee School of Engineering
- BROOKE SCOTT, Milwaukee School of Engineering

**RICHARD J MOONEY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**
$2,500 total funded by Hayes Mechanical
- AMY REISER, Milwaukee School of Engineering

**JAMES B HILL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**
$2,500 total funded by The Hill Group
- NICK MCALLISTER, Purdue University
- KEVIN WALLER, Iowa State University
MECHANICAL CONTRACTING DAY
For the first time, MCA of Chicago and Whiting-Turner Contracting Company came together to offer a two-day workshop for Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) during their region 3 gathering in Downers Grove. The 19 students from 10 midwest schools learned about union construction career options. We spent a whole day focused just on mechanical contracting. Many of the mechanical engineering students were thankful to hear about our industry for the first time.

S.T.E.A.M. DAY
Each year, schools around the country focus on promoting S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) education and careers for their students, especially around Annual S.T.E.A.M. Day on November 8. This year, MCA of Chicago staff and volunteers presented to 19 classes of more than 400 students in eight schools around Chicagoland. If you’re interested in getting involved with our S.T.E.A.M. Week initiative in 2020, contact Dan Bulley at dbulley@mca.org.

SAVE THE DATE:
October 14-17, 2020 in Downers Grove, IL

SAVE THE DATE:
The week of November 8, 2020
EMERGING LEADERS

OKTOBERFEST

Emerging Leaders came together at the Ferguson Warehouse in Addison for an Oktoberfest-style get-together last fall. Professional athlete, philanthropist and author Jason Khalipa joined us to discuss overcoming obstacles and staying positive.

LEARNING LABS

Each Emerging Leaders Learning Lab focuses on a different area of professional development.

- In September, Emerging Leaders hosted a reception and lab for the current Essentials of Project Management (EPM) class and its alumni at the MCA of Chicago office in Burr Ridge.
- In November, Emerging Leaders gathered at Alter Brewing Company in Downers Grove to talk about Personal Accountability.

MARK THESE EMERGING LEADER EVENTS ON YOUR CALENDAR!

- RISING STAR SEMINAR
  Tuesday, February 25, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., PAC-MAN Entertainment, Schaumburg, Illinois mca.org/event/rising-star

- LEARNING LAB
  Thursday, April 16 mca.org/event/el-april
Women’s Cocktail Reception

The Women of MCA of Chicago hosted a Cocktail Reception at the Hampton Social in Burr Ridge to connect with those who presented to schools for S.T.E.A.M. Day.

“Bag Giving” for Chicago Women in Trades

MCAA and MCA of Chicago leader Kathy McCauley spoke at Chicago Women in Trades Technical Opportunities Program graduation at the end of 2019. We provided 30 “Success Bags” to graduates that were created during the June Women of MCA event last quarter. Four indicated interest in joining the pipefitter ranks and of those one was particularly interested in HVAC.

Other women’s initiatives we’ve recently supported with attendance:
- Polished Pebbles 10th Anniversary
- Black Women and Girls in the Trades featuring US Congresswoman Robin Kelly
- Annual Women Build Green Leadership Conference
- Chicago Women in Trades
- Chicago Foundation for Women
- Women’s Business Development Center

WiMi Conference Organizers Come Together

Women from all over the country came together during the holidays to plan the 2020 MCAA Women in the Mechanical Industry (WiMi) Conference in June. The group included three Chicago representatives: Kathy McCauley, McCauley Mechanical Construction; Alexa Yurs, Mechanical Inc.; and Jill McCall, MCA of Chicago.

Sign Up for Women’s Quarterly E-Newsletter: srocque@mca.org

Women’s Lunch

Join the Women of MCA of Chicago for a Women’s Lunch at Livia Italian Eatery in Elmhurst on February 13 at 11:30 a.m. Connect with your peers, set meaningful goals for the new year and enjoy a delicious meal.
AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY
To show our appreciation, our Board of Directors invited committee and section leaders to share a longstanding piece of history during a day trip to Lake Zurich Golf Club this fall.
Cheers in particular to the following committees and sections who have met since Fall of 2019:

- Audit
- Career Development
- Coordinating (MEP)
- Education
- Government Affairs
- Industrial
- Marketing
- Meetings & Events
- Membership
- Safety

We wouldn’t be able to advance the mechanical construction and service industries without the help of volunteers.
Thank you!

FALL CONFERENCE 2019 IN DENVER, COLORADO
In October, MCA of Chicago members gathered in Denver for the MCA of Chicago Fall Conference. Members were brought closer together during a long weekend to build new relationships, strengthen old ones, learn something new and, of course, have some fun!

- Volunteer Appreciation at Lake Zurich Golf Club
- Grow House Tours
- Cocktail Reception
- Denver Avalanche Game

New Member: Synergy Mechanical
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ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING
This is the first year MCA of Chicago had young leaders from the Board and our Emerging Leaders Steering Committee drive the direction of our planning meeting. We will continue to work with these leaders to make progress with our strategic plan in 2020!

MCAA Industry Fund Conference
MCA of Chicago was highly represented at the annual MCAA Industry Fund Conference. From presenters that included our president and executive vice president, to committee members that include our vice president, we were able to participate strongly. We were also able to eek in a meeting of our Piping Education Council and thank our retiring Chairman, Kevin Condon, for his service.
THE MCA OF CHICAGO TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE PRESENTS: TECH BYTES

Stay up-to-date on the latest industry technology with Tech Bytes.

• Cybersecurity Boot Camp
  February 12, 2020 | 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
  Local expert Nick Espinosa will help you understand the latest cybersecurity threats and what to do about them. There will be something for everyone, so keep an eye out for more details (but watch what you click!).
  *PDH credit will be given
  Register now at mca.org/event/feb-tech-byte.

• ConTech Update
  April 2, 2020 | 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
  We’ll show you the latest in construction technology and help you position your company to stay competitive in the fast-changing landscape of our industry.
  *PDH credit will be given
  Register now at mca.org/event/april-tech-byte

For more information on the TECH BYTES initiative, go to mca.org/techbytes.
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Now Online: Winter/Spring 2020 Course Catalog

Check out this semester’s classes in the Winter/Spring 2020 Construction Education Institute® Seminar Catalog. Most courses are free for MCA of Chicago members and education partner employees. Register today at mca.org/calendar.

**Should I Stay or Should I Go:** Hear from your peers about the ups and downs of relocating your business

February 6, 2020 | 3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Brought to you by the Coordinating Committee (local MCA, ECA, NECA, PCA and SMACNA). This panel will cover topics such as moving to a rental property, purchasing an existing building and rehabbing it, building something brand new and staying/updating in a current location.

mca.org/event/should-i-stay
APRIL 2020

FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
• 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
• PAC-MAN Entertainment, Schaumburg, IL
mca.org/event/feb-membership/

APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
• 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
• Gibson’s, Oak Brook
mca.org/event/april-membership

AUTUMN MECHANICAL
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MEMBER VISITS
C. Acitelli Heating & Plumbing

PROJECT MANAGER AND FOREMAN PARTNERSHIP
FEBRUARY 20, 2020 | 8:00 A.M. - NOON
This session will place a special emphasis on why critical project activities must be jointly created/developed by the project managers and the foremen.
mca.org/event/partnership
Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for these important upcoming MCA of Chicago events.

- **Wednesday, February 12**: Tech Byte: Cybersecurity Boot Camp
- **Thursday, February 13**: Women’s Lunch
- **Wednesday, February 19**: Labor-Management Reception in Springfield
- **Tuesday, February 25**: Rising Star Seminar & Membership Meeting
- **Monday, March 16**: President’s Pary
- **Monday, April 2**: Tech Byte: ConTech Update
- **Thursday, April 16**: Emerging Leaders Learning Lab
- **Tuesday, April 21**: Membership Meeting

Get More from Your Membership

There are lots of people to meet and more chances to learn from your industry peers at MCA of Chicago networking events, including specialized opportunities for CEOs, emerging leaders and women.

Need a place for a company meeting or education session? Member companies can get complimentary, private use of MCA of Chicago’s CEI® classroom, Technology Territory and Boardroom when available. Visit [mca.org/reserve-a-room](http://mca.org/reserve-a-room).