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Meet RCA's 2022 Scholarship Recipients

RCA's scholarship program partners with Construction Management and Construction Sciences programs at universities throughout the United States to find the top students in the field. This year, we began a new partnership with East Carolina University, and continued to work with Brigham Young University, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Clemson University, Kansas State University, and Minnesota State University, Mankato. Schools are asked to submit their top candidates, who complete an application that includes a statement describing what the RCA Scholarship would mean to them.

One student, with a declared construction major, from each school was selected to receive a \$3.000 scholarship to be used for the Fall 2022 semester.

Funded by our members, this national scholarship program benefits the education of future industry leaders and helps increase awareness of the career opportunities available in retail construction.

Get to know our 2022 scholarship recipients through their own words, with excerpts from their personal statements below.

Alina Stark, Clemson University, Major: Construction Science and Management



"I came back to Clemson excited to begin working on my degree and become a part of the industry. I joined five construction clubs and different chapters of construction organizations like National Association of Home Builders, Associated General Contractors, and

Associated Builders and Contractors.

I believe my role as a female leader will influence other women to work in the trades. I want to eliminate the stigma of women in construction. Being a girl, a lot of people underestimate your ability when it comes to manual labor; I am working to break stereotypes and teach people not to underestimate anyone based on appearance. By being a face of something and speaking with passion about something you love, you lead by example"

Sarah Gould, Brigham Young University, **Major: Construction Management**

"The construction industry has been deeply rooted in my character. My coloring pages as a child were old sets of blueprints. Normal family car ride conversations consisted of commenting on and critiquing passing buildings. As I matured and entered college at BYU, I found a home in the construction management program.

My dream career is running a successful construction company of my own, working with people who also enjoy building beautiful structures. On my path to this destination, I hope to work as a project manager. The balance of onsite involvement and relationship development that this role requires deeply intrigues me. My small amount of work experience so far has taught me how much I value company culture. No matter where my career leads, I intend to work for an honest company that believes in investing in its employees and community."

Taylor Case. Kansas State University. **Major: Construction Science** and Management



"My main goal in my undergraduate academic career is to gain as much knowledge as possible so I can be an asset to a construction team upon graduation. I seek to be not only a student, but a learner. I am in school not just to get good grades or

skate by, completing projects in the last second, but to further my intelligence of different aspects in industry. To work toward this goal, I continually ask questions of my professors, inside and outside of class, ensuring that I truly understand the material they are teaching.

In construction, the hours are long, and the tasks can be challenging, but if an enjoyable team environment can be created, working can be a lot of fun. I love the construction industry, and I plan to use the skills I am learning in school and onsite to impact it in a positive way."

Jacqueline Badal, California Polytechnic State University, Major: Construction Management



"Going into college, I had no clear vision of what I wanted to study, but this soon changed upon joining the Construction Management major. Through my classes and internships, I have come to understand that my interest in construction stems from

doing work I love with people I love. The greatest part about construction is being able to make plans and drawings come to life and produce a tangible

Achieving my career goal of becoming a project manager will allow me to use my skills of money management to help estimate projects and keep them running on schedule and on budget. I feel I will be successful at this because I am extremely organized, enjoy collaborating with others, and want to apply the knowledge from a subject I enjoy in the real world."

Brady McKay, East Carolina University, Major: Construction Management



"I started building decks and doing other projects with my dad during middle school, which first sparked my desire to go into construction. I enjoy working with my hands and building projects, which has allowed me to excel in

the construction field.

Once I graduate, I would like to go back to community college and get several vocational certifications. These would be in electrical, plumbing, and carpentry. I have even thought about getting my Realtor's license and general contractor's license as well. There are several different certifications relating to construction that I would like to get while I am still working on my major like the CCM and LEED certifications."

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RCA's mission is to promote professionalism and integrity in retail construction through industry leadership in education, information exchange, and jobsite safety.

Kaitlyn Harper, Minnesota State University, Mankato, Major: Construction Management



Kaitlyn received
the Christian Elder
Memorial Scholarship,
named in memory of
Christian Elder, who died
in 2007 at the age of 38.
Christian was a project
manager with ElderJones, Inc., a charter
member of the RCA.

Christian's father, and RCA past president.

"I grew up in the construction environment and had several family workers that worked in construction, so it was always in my surroundings. When I was 15, I went to work with my uncle for his construction company during the summer. Through that experience, I learned that I loved the industry and being in the construction environment every day, but I wasn't interested in being a laborer. Therefore, I began researching professions that incorporated being in the environment and added a business side to the role as well. When I found

Construction Management, I was instantly hooked. I am most interested in LEED Building because it shows that construction is always improving. There are always ideas to explore to learn how to better the environment. As constructors, it is our job to build sustainable buildings to protect our planet as best we can; after all, we only have one world.

I envision my ideal career as working for a commercial construction company that allows me to thrive in my role as a project manager by not only supporting me but also by providing me with tools and the experiences necessary to be successful throughout my career."

Michelle Ling, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Major: Civil Engineering



Michelle received RCA's Intern Scholarship, which is awarded to a student who completed an internship at an RCA member company. The award criteria are the same as the main scholarship program;

the scholarship award is \$1,500. Michelle participated in participated in **Schimenti Construction Company's** Summer Rotational Internship Program.

Michelle's nomination described her experience at Schimenti: "She spent several weeks on a project supporting our Operations team at the 49 Chambers Street project, and the superintendents she worked with were incredibly impressed with her knowledge and attention to detail. Michelle added significant value to our team throughout her summer internship. She is incredibly passionate about construction and not only supported her team members, but consistently reached out and asked if there was additional learning experiences she could take on to maximize her internship experience. Everyone who worked with her was impressed with her drive to succeed."





President's Message

Ray Catlin, President, Threecore, LLC



As we hit the summer months and extended

sunlight, the construction industry knows this time as the time to get more done with the longer days. As we enter this crucial time of the year, most of us see our number one issue as being qualified labor. This is true in the office as well as in the field. As many of you have heard me say, our industry is at a tipping point related to a qualified workforce. Many have left our industry either by choice during recessions or by aging out through retirement. The problem is, we are not replacing those

leaving at the same clip. Our children are not entering the construction industry, no doubt impacted by watching us navigate the industry over the years.

When I think about the RCA and our purpose, several things come to mind. First, finding ways to make our industry more attractive, solving the problems of yesterday so we can become the industry of the future. Second, encouraging and supporting the next generation to enter our industry. This is true for skilled labor as well as the professional ranks in the office and out in the field. I am excited to see so many scholarships being offered as we live out our purpose. A special shout out and congratulations to this year's RCA scholarship recipients:

RCA Scholarship

- > Jacqueline Badal, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
- > Taylor Case, Kansas State University
- Sarah Gould, Brigham Young University
- Kaitlyn Harper, Minnesota State University, Mankato
- Brady McKay, East Carolina University
- Alina Stark, Clemson University

RCA Intern Scholarship

Michelle Ling, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Schimenti Construction Company

I challenge the next generation to continue to push us to live out our purpose as an organization and I personally challenge each RCA member to do their part in making our industry more attractive and getting the next generation involved in moving us forward. We know from our experience in this industry that we must take charge and put solutions in place. I am excited and look forward to seeing the evolution of tomorrow through our actions today.

Thank you, and have an amazing and safe summer.



PS-If you have any feedback or ideas on this topic, please contact me at ray.catlin@threecorellc.com.



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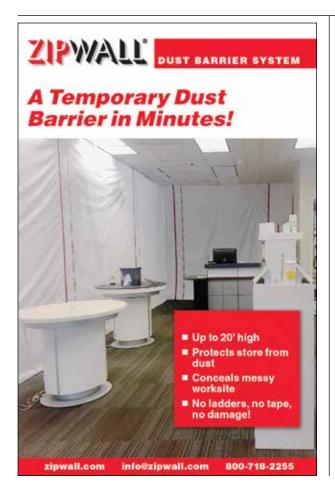
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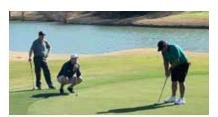


2022 Annual Conference Round Up

Many thanks to everyone who joined us for our 2022 Annual Conference in March. Attendees heard from keynote speaker Ken Schmidt, who shared personal stories of building customer loyalty as the Director of Communications Strategy for Harley-Davidson Motor Company. Advisory Board member Mike Clancy of FMI discussed the current economic situation, as well as forecasts, in the construction. Tim Sheehan and Tim Peterson of OSHA Environmental Compliance Systems (OECS) provided guidance for building a strong safety culture using the 5 C's of Workplace Safety: Commitment, Compliance, Culture, Champions, and Costs. During lunch, we had some levity with entertainment by Carmen Ciricillo, The Construction Comic®. A highlight of the afternoon was a series of interactive roundtable discussions

on topics such as hiring, training and retaining talent, managing capacity amidst a labor shortage, force majeure contract clauses, technology pain points, and succession planning.

The conference concluded with events at the Cowboys Golf Club: casino night on Saturday, and golf tournament on Sunday.







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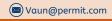
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