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### **RCA Scholarships Support Construction Students**

Every year, RCA awards scholarships to America's top construction management students at universities throughout the United States. Now in its 15th year, the RCA Scholarship Program helps develop the retail construction leaders of the future. In the 2012-2013 academic year, RCA awarded scholarships to the following students, all of whom are enrolled in qualified construction programs: Alyssa Odom, Auburn University Alex Mahon, Bowling Green State University Josh Gleason, California State Polytechnic University (SLO) Shayne Buckley, Clemson University Tracy Kile Schwartz, Colorado State University Corey Watkins, Ferris State University Eric Ross, Kansas State University Ashley Eickstadt, Minnesota State University Mankato Kaylee Robbins & Teresa Rosales, Northern Arizona University John Bledsoe, University of Oklahoma William K. Nelson, Jr., Pratt Institute Daniel Peralta, Texas A&M Christopher Austin, University of Washington Andrea Baughn, Wentworth Institute of Technology



RCA Past President John Elder and wife Sherry, with Minnesota State University Mankato student Ashley Eickstadt.

<sup>44</sup> Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.

- John Bledsoe, University of Oklahoma

West Africa, as part of a program to gain both construction and business skills. She plans to extend her education through graduate school and with an internship. Rosales explained why she chose this course of study: "Construction Management fits my personality. I like to be hands on and involved. My favorite part is that something tangible comes out of a job; you can see how your hard work is going to affect the surrounding community."

Josh Gleason, a student at California State Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo, participated in the Associated Schools of Construction annual competition in Nevada as an alternate on the design-build team. After graduation.

Scholarships were also awarded at University of North Florida, Purdue University, and Roger Williams University.

The scholarship at Northern Arizona University was shared by two students this year: Kaylee Robbins and Teresa Rosales. Both Construction Management students exemplify the type of recipient the RCA seeks to support. Robbins recently returned from a volunteer trip to Gambia in

he would like to pursue an MBA, with an ultimate dream of one day running his own company.

The scholarship recipient at Kansas State University was Eric Ross, who is following in his father's footsteps (he's a project manager and estimator for a general contractor). At Kansas State, Ross is involved in the school's chapter of the Associated General Contractors, has been (Continued on page 2)



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the department co-chair for the Engineering Open House, and has been inducted into Sigma Lambda Chi and Steel Ring. He's a member of the Kansas State Marching Band as well.

In 2008, RCA established the Christian Elder Memorial Scholarship. Christian Elder, who died in 2007 at the age of 38, was a project manager with Elder-Jones, Inc., a retail contractor, and charter member of the RCA. The scholarship is awarded to a student at Minnesota State University Mankato. This year's recipient was Ashley Eickstadt, a rising senior majoring in Construction Management. This summer, she augmented her studies with an internship at an owner's representative firm. Additionally, an Internship Scholarship was awarded to Alex Holmes, a Construction Management major student at Ferris State University. Holmes has been a summer intern at Commercial Contractors, Inc. for two years.

"Alex is a driven individual on whom I counted to run a 393-store fixture rollout. This was a fast paced program and he jumped right into things with a dedicated work ethic and a willingness to learn processes," said Joel Zuidema of Commercial Contractors. "Alex showed a great attitude regardless of what task he was asked to perform. His willingness to learn is also displayed by his commitment towards maintaining an exemplary GPA."

The RCA Scholarship Fund depends on the support of generous contributions from our members. Many thanks to the RCA member companies who made a donation to the Scholarship Fund this past year:

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## **President's Message**

By Art Rectenwald, President, Rectenwald Brothers Construction



**Fall is upon us, and for many of us that signals** the last push of what has been a very busy year. Good

luck with your projects and stay safe on the jobsite! The RCA Board met in Nashville last month for its summer meeting. We were pleased to have seven of our Advisory Board members join us, among them two of our newest Advisory Members: Jeffrey Mahler of L2M, Inc. and Lynn Robbins of Office Max. These industry representatives share

their views on the current state of the industry as well as provide input and insight on RCA's programs and services. We greatly appreciate the time they take to support the mission and goals of the RCA.

At the Board meeting, we reviewed and approved a new member: Buildrite Construction Corp and I would like to welcome them to the RCA. In addition, Mike Wolff, Hunter Weekes and Matthew Schimenti were appointed to the Board of Directors Nominating Committee and are working to prepare the election slate. Ballots will be distributed to the membership in October. Another result of the Board meeting was the appointment of a task force to review and evaluate the impact of our scholarship program (which is also highlighted in this newsletter).

I encourage you to keep in touch and up to date with us. We send a monthly email bulletin that includes announcements, member news, new members, and event updates. You can be added to our mailing list by sending a request to info@retailcontractors.org and you can join our group on LinkedIn.

Save the date for our Annual Meeting: March 14-16 at the Gaylord Texan, prior to SPECS. Watch your inbox for more details and plan to join us for a weekend of professional development and networking opportunities.

art@rectenwald.com

### **New Advisory Board Member**



#### **RCA's Advisory Board is comprised of**

representatives from retail markets including specialty, big box, department stores, developers, architecture/engineer, and restaurant retailers. Advisory Board members are appointed by the President and serve three year terms. During that time, they actively assist the RCA Board of Directors in identifying key industry issues and formulating policies and programs designed to positively impact

those issues. Meet RCA's newest Advisory Board member.

**Jeffrey D. Mahler, AIA,** is Principal and co-founder of L2M, Inc., a Baltimore-based, full-service architecture firm with expertise in retail, healthcare, travel and leisure and foodservice design. A licensed architect in 25 states, Mahler has over 20 years of architecture, design, construction administration, and project management experience. As the principal in charge of all firm projects, he spearheads project assignment and flow, quality control and final review, along with firm operations, finances, and business development.

Mahler previously worked as a project architect at W.G. Reed Architects in Bethesda, MD, where he focused on commercial and ecclesiastical design. His areas of expertise range from renovation and restoration to new construction, retail, and healthcare architecture and design.

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## Past Presidents – Where are They Now? Jim Healy

By Jennifer Danquist Kilgore, Director of Business Development & Marketing, Singleton Construction, LLC

When it comes to the RCA, we would not be here without our Past Presidents, who have guided this association, built it up, and watched it continue to grow. For this we are all grateful. In an effort to recognize these "founding fathers," remember our beginnings, and review our history, each edition features a RCA past president and gives some insight into their time at the helm as well as talks about what they're doing now.

Fishing is much more than fish. It is the great occasion when we may return to the fine simplicity of our forefathers. - Herbert Hoover



Jim Healy

with Kathy Healy, Jim's wife, at the helm as President. Healy Construction's motto is "Building is the easy part; it takes an expert to provide a solid foundation for success." One of those experts is Jim, who learned the business from the ground up. "My father

Jim Healy is Vice President of Healy Construction Services,

Inc., a company with more than 30 years of experience in the retail

construction industry. Healy Construction is a nationally recognized contractor with a broad portfolio, offering services in site construction,

general contracting, and close outs. It is a woman-owned company,

encouraged me to learn construction and blueprint reading. He was always a hands-on person—from doing the estimating to making the phone calls—and involved himself in all aspects of any work he performed," said Healy.

Healy talks about how he has seen the industry evolve. He remembers receiving plans with a two-month bidding period and using pencil and paper to respond. What was once an un-hurried bidding process has now become

a fast-paced environment with bids being done much more rapidly, and almost completely electronically.

Joining the RCA and serving on the Board of Directors from 2002 to 2006, including a term as President in 2003, has benefited Healy personally, as well as professionally for the company. "My favorite thing about the RCA is the camaraderie with all the general contractors across the United States. I made new friends and got to know how they operated individually. Along with that, I enjoyed

the meetings and interactions with the advisors and members of the organization," said Healy.

Healy continued, "Professionally, my involvement in RCA has allowed me to meet many more retail clients and make contacts with numerous vendors and suppliers that helped our company grow over the years. Personally, it helped me to understand business more clearly. I had the opportunity to learn from the various personalities who wanted to improve their companies."



Healy's close friend, and fellow RCA Past President, Tom Eckinger, CEO of Eckinger Construction Company, says of Healy, "Jim and I go back at least 30 years, first as competitors in business, then into a long-lasting friendship. I especially enjoyed our time spent serving on the Board together as we were able to spend more time socially. On one particular occasion, we were playing golf in Florida when Jim needed golf balls. At the beginning of the round, he purchased a dozen balls. After an adventuresome front nine in which he donated balls to several lakes and one person's balcony (we're still not sure if the glass doors survived), Jim went into the pro shop and purchased a second dozen to get him through the back nine. He and I always had a lot of laughs on the golf course, usually at ourselves. Jim has always been someone I could count on for help with problems and sometimes just to talk things out."

If he was not in the retail construction industry, Healy said he would be involved in local politics, helping residents of the



Chicago Bears fans Kathy & Jim Healy

community and developing programs that would benefit seniors and children in the area. "Something that people may not know about me, is that I was elected for three (four-year) terms as an Alderman on the City Council," mentioned Healy.

Where might we find Healy in his free time? Fishing, plain and simple! "Fishing is my guilty pleasure: spending a lot of time in Florida and drifting on a boat in the Gulf of Mexico enjoying the warm sunny days. In my free time, you'll find me fishing for freshwater fish in the Midwest or saltwater fish in Florida," Healy said.

Jim and Kathy, who have been married 35 years, have two grown children and one grandchild.

Healy is another inspiring gentleman in our retail construction world. He's given his time, talent, and knowledge to better our industry and build relationships among friendly competitors, retailers, and suppliers, and we thank him for that.

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