



Chapter News

2017 Annual Awards Banquet Recap

The Annual Awards Banquet was held April 7th at the River's Casino.

The ACI Pittsburgh Area Chapter was founded in 1962 by a group of dedicated people led by Art Livingood, Andy Fertal and Bob Zerns. In June of 1988 the Chapter established the Founders Award Fund for undergraduate students, including seniors, who have an interest in the areas of cement technology, or concrete technology, design or construction.

This year the Pittsburgh Chapter was proud to present these three awards to the following individuals:



Andrew Bechtold (\$3,000)

Drew graduated on May 5, 2017 from the Pennsylvania State University Civil and Environmental Engineering Department. His major was Civil Engineering with a focus in Geotechnical and Materials Engineering. Drew now plans to enter the Geotechnical Consulting field and also plans to attend Grad School to obtain his Master's Degree in Civil Engineering.



Jordan Walk (\$2,000)

Jordan is a sophomore at the University of Pittsburgh enrolled in the Swanson School of Engineering majoring in Civil Engineering. He is expected to graduate in May of 2019. After graduating, Jordan hopes to stay in the Pittsburgh area and plans to work on infrastructure. Unfortunately, he could not attend the banquet because he was attending the Ohio Valley Student Conference as a part of the Concrete Canoe team with Pitt's Student Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers.



Kate Lundy (\$2,000)

Kate is also a student at the University of Pittsburgh Engineering Department Swanson School of Engineering. She is a second year sophomore majoring in Civil Engineering and minoring in Studio Arts. Kate is participating in the co-op program at Pitt and expects to graduate in December 2019. After graduation, she plans to attend graduate school to expand her education. Kate was also unable to attend the banquet due to competing in the ASCE Steel Bridge Competition at the Ohio Valley Student Conference.

2017-2018 Election Ballot Results

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Matt Manning, J.J. Kennedy, Inc.

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April Snyder, RJ Lee Group

Newly Elected Board of Directors

Tricia Ladely, Consulting Project Manager • Steve Reed, Mekis Construction

Nominating Committee

Justin Bryan, Neville Aggregates • Jim Rader, J.J. Kennedy, Inc. • Greg Reshenberg, Stone & Company
Kurt Rosander, CEMEX • Bill Tate, Silhol

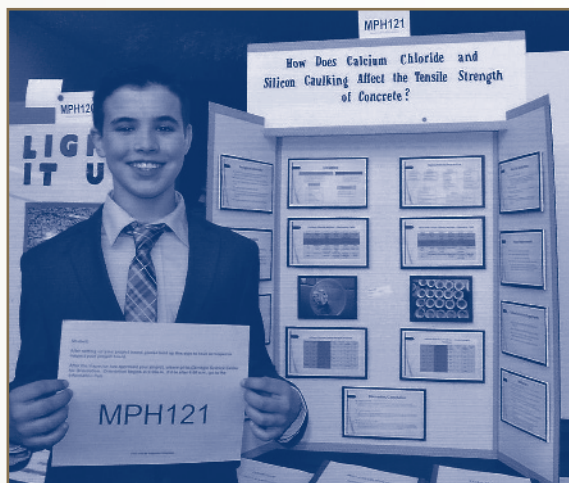


“Does the Amount of Calcium Chloride in Flexible Concrete Affect its Tensile Strength?” ~ Winning Project ~

Congratulations to Michael Hower for his winning project at the Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair on March 31, 2017 at Heinz Field. His project was “Does the Amount of Calcium Chloride in Flexible Concrete Affect its Tensile Strength.”

Michael is a 7th grade student at the Freeport Area Middle School.

This student award was sponsored by the Pittsburgh Area Chapter. The Science Fair’s mission is to connect young scientists and engineers with professionals in their fields. More than 1,000 students in grades 6-12 participated this year, making the event another great success!



Michael Hower with his Concrete project.

Thank You!

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Thank you to the 2016-2017 Board
for all of their efforts.

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Dave Thomas *Golden Triangle*

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Pittsburgh Area Chapter Upcoming Events

SOCIAL NIGHT

Friday ~ June 9, 2017
PNC Park - Miller Lite Rooftop
(Pirates vs. Marlins 7:05 PM)

ACI GOLF OUTING

Monday ~ July 31, 2017
Quicksilver Golf Club



Register online at www.acipgh.com.
Visit our website for a list of upcoming events at www.acipgh.com/calendar.shtml.



2017 Annual Awards Banquet Recap *Continued ...*

The **President's Recognition Award**
was presented to **Justin Rader**
by Matt Manning



2nd Annual **Excellence in Concrete Project Award**

We were pleased to present this award to PJ Dick for the Frick Environmental Center project that was completed in August 2016. We have submitted the project to ACI International as an entry in their Concrete Construction Award Program. Winners will be notified in August.



Bill Porter of PJ Dick accepting the
Excellence in Concrete Project Award from
April Snyder, Awards Committee Chair



“Progress Through Knowledge”

JOB OPENINGS

■ CONCRETE INSPECTORS – OHIO, MICHIGAN, INDIANA

KTA is actively pursuing individuals with ACI Level I open to training to become PCI Level II certified Concrete Inspectors. This position is responsible for observing and reporting on precast/prestressed concrete fabrication and cast in place concrete. The incumbent verifies that the concrete components are fabricated in accordance to contract documents, Owner specifications, shop drawings and industry standards. Valid driver's license and safety training are essential. ACI Level I is required, and offer of employment will be contingent on successfully completing and passing PCI Level II. Specific certs such as NICET and NETTCP are desirable and may be required for specific assignments.

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EOE/AA.

■ LABORATORY QUALITY ASSURANCE OFFICER

KTA is looking for an exceptional, experienced quality assurance professional to serve part-time as KTA's Laboratory Quality Assurance Officer. Some of the responsibilities for this position include assuring the instrument calibrations and standard operating procedure reviews are current, training laboratory personnel, maintaining our A2LA accreditation, and identifying nonconforming work relevant to laboratory stand procedures and ISO 17025. The position requires a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry or a related discipline. College level statistics course work and experience with A2LA policies relating to ISO17025 accreditation is preferred.

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■ FIELD GEOTECHNICIAN I

DLZ Corporation currently has openings for Technicians in Western, Pennsylvania for PennDot projects.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

- Perform material testing in field or laboratory related to construction projects.
- Responsible for field quality control on various projects.
- Conducts soil, concrete, and asphalt testing.
- Maintains accurate records of test results and prepare daily reports.
- Understand the public health and safety requirements and be fully trained in the proper safety procedures.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

- High School Graduate or equivalent
- Valid drivers License is required and must pass MVR check
- ACI and/or NECEPT certification preferred
- Ability to frequently lift 50lbs
- Ability to travel throughout the tri-state area

To apply visit:

<https://careers-dlz.icims.com/jobs/1396/job>

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ACI Certification Program Overview

This past certification season, we had approximately 360 individuals go through the Grade I certification sessions, 23 through the Flatwork certification program and 13 through the Strength and Aggregate Level I program. When the season ended, we received several requests from individuals wanting to take the Grade I exam, but unfortunately we could not find an opportunity to hold another Grade I session. Furthermore, ACI National has

asked us to expand into two other programs, Adhesive Anchor Installer and Masonry Field and Lab Technician. With all that said, the chapter is making an effort to expand the number of different certification programs we offer.

The following is a tentative schedule for the fall of 2017 and spring of 2018:

ACI – PITTSBURGH AREA CHAPTER FALL-2017/SPRING-2018 CERTIFICATION - PROPOSED SCHEDULE -

ACI Concrete Field Tech – Grade I	Location
November 13-14, 2017	Charleroi, PA
December 4-5, 2017	Latrobe, PA
December 18-19, 2017	Hermitage, PA
January 8-9, 2018	Shippensburg, PA
January 29-30, 2018	Clarion, PA
February 12-13, 2018	Roaring Spring, PA
February 26-27, 2018	To Be Determined
March 12-13, 2018	Greensburg, PA
March 30-31, 2018	Penn State
ACI Laboratory Testing Tech Level 1 (Strength & Aggregate Level 1)	Location
December 15-16, 2017	Pittsburgh, PA
March 8-9, 2018	Pittsburgh, PA
Concrete Flatwork Finisher/Tech	Location
March 2018	To Be Determined
ACI Adhesive Anchor Installer	Location
Friday-Saturday in December 2017 or January 2018	To Be Determined
ACI Masonry Field & Lab Testing Technician	
Masonry Field and Laboratory Testing are typically offered together and on an individual basis. One Day test only session. No review offered. Please contact the chapter to schedule an exam with the engineer.	
ACI Aggregate Testing Technician Level II	
Aggregate Level II offered on an individual basis. One Day test only session. No review offered. Please contact the chapter to schedule an exam with the engineer.	
To download a registration form or to register on-line log onto: www.acipgh.com	

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