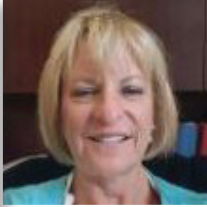




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Thursday, October 12, 2023

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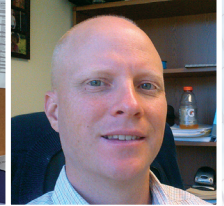
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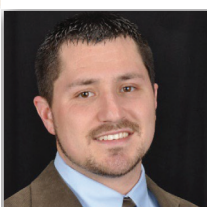
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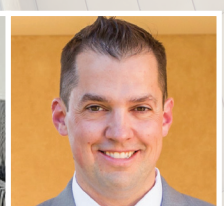
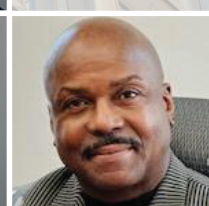
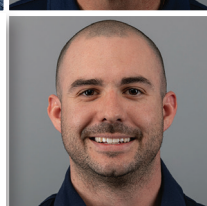
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AGENDA

AGC of Connecticut Industry Recognition Awards Dinner

Thursday, October 12, 2023 • 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM • Aqua Turf Club

5:00 RECEPTION AND DINNER STATIONS

6:30 AWARDS PROGRAM

WELCOME – Aaron Mednick, AGC CT President
John Butts, AGC CT Executive Director

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Robert Berkmoes, James T. Kay Company

ANNOUNCEMENTS – John Butts, AGC CT Executive Director

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PRESENTATION OF THE INDUSTRY RECOGNITION AWARDS

Public Owner of the Year
Private Owner of the Year
Designer of the Year
General Contractor/Construction Manager of the Year
Subcontractor of the Year
Supplier/Service Provider of the Year
Project Manager of the Year
Construction Supervisor of the Year
Safety Professional of the Year

8:00 CLOSING REMARKS

John Butts, AGC CT Executive Director



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Associated General Contractors of Connecticut, I would like to welcome you to the Eighteenth Annual Associated General Contractors of Connecticut Industry Recognition Dinner! We are proud of this annual awards program which celebrates individuals in our industry who reflect our values of skill, responsibility, and integrity.

Each year our Panel of Judges is faced with the challenging duty of selecting, from an outstanding group of industry professionals, one winner in each of the nine categories – and this year is no different. This year, as in the past, our nominees from within the commercial building industry come with an array of know-how, skill, and achievements. Just to be nominated for this award is an honor. Regardless of the top vote-getters in each category, the finalists are all deserving of our recognition and esteem this evening.

Please take a moment to read through the background story on each nominee presented here in the program book. Also, recognize the support of our sponsors and advertisers. The success of this award program over the years is not only an expression of the high achievers we have in our industry, but also the generosity of member companies and organizations that annually help underwrite this event.

We here at the AGC of Connecticut are pleased to work on behalf of our members to deliver effective advocacy services, member recognition programs, industry training sessions, programs to support the

next generation of construction professionals and workers, and important information about industry trends and the needs of our members. AGC's leaders and staff work hard to deliver to our members the support, leadership, and experience they deserve in dealing with laws, regulations, and policies that affect their businesses and construction practices.

As we gather tonight, we salute the hard-working professionals among us who, quite literally, build Connecticut. We hope you will join us in congratulating and celebrating the accomplishments of all the worthy finalists, and in saluting all the sponsors and advertisers.

Please enjoy the evening's festivities.

Aaron Mednick
Vice President, O&G Industries, Inc.
2023-24 Chapter President, AGC of Connecticut

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NEWFIELD CONSTRUCTION

Zero Incidence Rate - Building - 50,000 to 109,999 work hours

O&G INDUSTRIES, INC.

Zero Incidence Rate - Building - 275,000 and up work hours

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AGC OF CONNECTICUT ANGELO GIARDINI SCHOLARSHIP

Alex Nguyen

College: University of Connecticut
Major: Civil Engineering

AGC OF CONNECTICUT MICHAEL TIMURA SCHOLARSHIP

Andrew Wright

College: University of Connecticut
Major: Civil Engineering

YOUNG CONTRACTORS COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

Cooper Larkin

Major: Construction Management

YOUNG CONTRACTORS COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

Carter Larson

College: Wentworth Institute of Technology
Major: Construction Management

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Michael Cooper

College: Wentworth Institute of Technology
Major: Construction Management

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Leif Duval

College: North Greenville University
Major: Business & Entrepreneurship, Concentration: Construction Management

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Jerry Hill

College: Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Major: Civil Engineering

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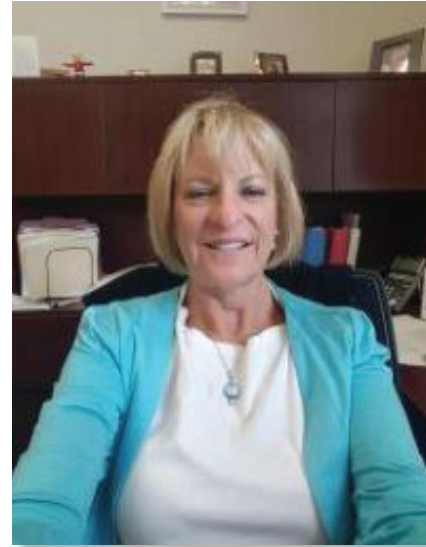
Public Owner of the Year

Nominee

Nancy Haynes

PURCHASING AND RISK MANAGER

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD



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CONNECTICUT

NANCY HAYNES is the Purchasing and Risk Manager for the Town of Bloomfield where she oversees the capital project budget and major capital projects. She currently oversees a \$35.3 million library replacement project, and has successfully delivered a new \$22.3 million community center and \$11 million public works facility during her 11-year tenure in Bloomfield. Nancy's career in the public sector began when she joined the City of Hartford Finance Department after several years in the retail sector as a buyer for the former G. Fox department store. She thought that a career in the public sector would be more rewarding and less stressful; she was correct on the former! Nancy spent 10 years as the City's Purchasing Agent, overseeing the administration of bidding for capital projects as well as oversight of the Small/Minority Business Program before assuming the Deputy Finance Director position, only the 2nd female to hold the job. Her most rewarding moment came after she left Hartford, when approached in a social setting by a trade contractor who relayed how much she was missed in Hartford and that she was "tough but always fair." Her 10 years as a school business manager after leaving Hartford included oversight of school construction projects ranging from boiler replacements to new high school construction. The biggest challenge she faced however, was the daunting paperwork and audits required by the State School Construction Unit, and is where she learned the true value of partnership with construction professionals. Nancy has her BS in political science from Cedar Crest College, is a member and officer of various professional organizations and her local Rotary Club. She is also known as the first one to volunteer her time when municipal departments solicit volunteer requests. Nancy lives in Windsor Locks with her rescue dog Lola and loves to travel, a safari being her most recent trip.

Public Owner of the Year

Nominee

Matthew Montana

CHAIRPERSON, PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION

Town of South Windsor



MATT MONTANA is a Senior Associate at Centerbrook Architects and Planners who has practiced there since 1999. He has served in senior design roles on athletic, dining, and municipal facilities, as well as student centers, residence halls, medical schools, science buildings, theaters, museums, laboratories, resorts, and private residences. Matt's technical knowledge, innate desire to promote teamwork and collaboration, and role realizing complex projects through construction have all served him well as a member, and then chair, of the South Windsor Public Building Commission. Since 2015, he has provided design input, construction detailing assistance, and document review for the design and construction of four elementary school projects: Orchard Hill, Philip R. Smith, Eli Terry, and Pleasant Valley. As the Town implemented its ten-year master plan, his role expanded to include developing educational specifications, writing RFQs and RFPs, and executing the selection of the Architect, Owner's Representative, and Construction Manager. Matt is proud that these four projects represent excellent value for South Windsor's taxpayers, who supported them with more than 80% approval and benefitted from their completion on time and under budget. To him, supporting the design and construction professionals and promoting camaraderie among the PBC's volunteer members was just as important as the physical manifestation. Being a seasoned architect meant that members of the PBC looked to Matt for leadership on a wide range of project-related issues, from the coordination and review of the construction documents to evaluating scale and proportion, reviewing applicable building codes, and meeting State-mandated public school standards. He also provided technical guidance through document oversight, examining requisitions for payment and invoices, reviewing and analyzing potential change orders, and offering practical advice on design issues that arose in the field. Matt has deep ties to South Windsor. His family moved to town in 1969 when his father started an architecture firm there. He earned a Bachelor's in Architecture from the New York Institute of Technology, graduating Summa Cum Laude in 1994. When not hitting the links (where he has an impressively low handicap) Matt enjoys mountain biking, ice hockey, fly fishing, and impromptu road trips with his family.



Public Owner of the Year

Nominee

Christopher Till, P.E.

FACILITIES PROJECT MANAGER

TOWN OF MANCHESTER



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MANCHESTER

CHRISTOPHER TILL has been Facilities Project Manager for the Town of Manchester for nearly 15 years. He is responsible for planning, developing, and directing facilities operations, maintenance, repair, capital construction, and renovation programs for the Town and the Board of Education. During his tenure in Manchester, Chris has led the transformation and consolidation of the elementary school's system from ten K-5 facilities to six K-4 schools and the expansion of the 6th grade academy to include all of the districts fifth graders. The last three of these school projects are designed as Net Zero Energy. He holds a Master of Science degree in Environmental & Water Resources Engineering from the University of Michigan and a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Tufts University.



Private Owner of the Year

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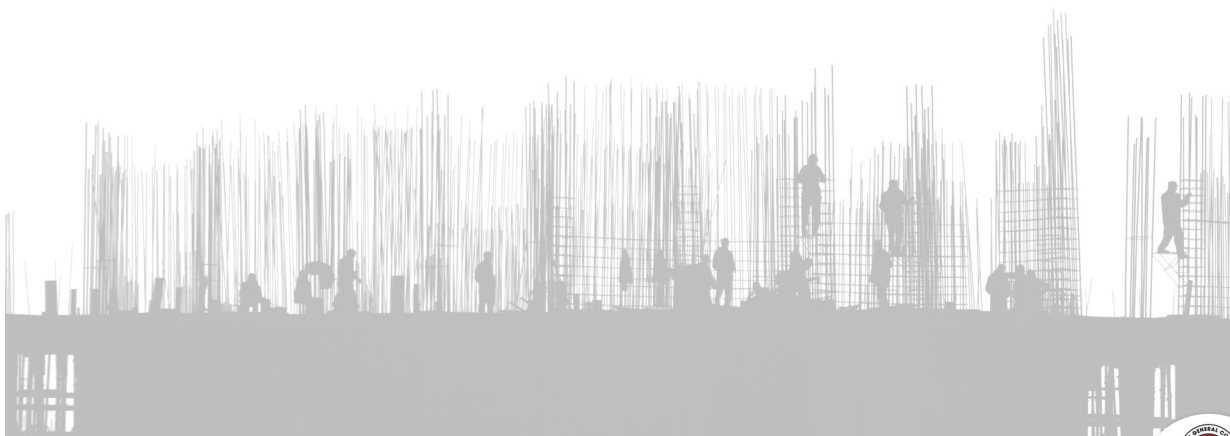
Lisa Mose

SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER

Stamford Health



LISA MOSE is a Senior Project Manager responsible for capital construction projects for Stamford Hospital, Stamford Health Medical Group and their collaborative partners. Having joined Stamford Health in 2012 as a member of the project team responsible for the planning and implementation of a \$450 million facility master plan, she is now working on the hospital's next 10-year facility master plan and leading the renovation of Whittingham Pavilion and a new Breast Center under Stamford Health's Women's and Babies' Campaign. Lisa enjoys the planning process, engaging with stakeholder populations and making sure Planetree tenets are first and foremost in the design process. She makes sure the care environment is patient and family centered, with equal attention placed on the staff work and respite environments. She also enjoys being an on-site resource readily available to work alongside contractors and design professionals to carry projects to completion as efficiently as possible.



Private Owner of the Year

Nominee

Robert Sjogren

DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND LOGISTICS

MOTT CORPORATION



ROBERT SJOGREN is the Director of Facilities and Logistics for Mott Corporation, a manufacturer supporting engineered filtration and flow control solutions for its customers for over 60 years. Mott's solutions range from multi-story systems to microscopic implants to support a long list of industries; Semiconductor, Clean Energy, Bioprocessing, Medical, Pharmaceutical, Aerospace & Defense, Diagnostics, Food & Beverage, Refining & Petrochemical and more. As the Director of Facilities and Logistics he oversees transport of all material in and out of Mott's facilities and the management of their existing facilities and manufacturing equipment. In this role he also plans and leads improvement activities to expand operations in Mott's existing facilities optimizing foot print and infrastructure to support Mott's rapid growth. Over the last year this included the expansion into a new 50,000 square foot building to support growth of Mott's clean Energy business. Bob is a graduate of the University of Hartford and has over 35 years' experience in manufacturing operations leadership. Bob dedicated many years as a youth group facilitator with the First Church of Simsbury journeying to New Orleans, Kentucky (2), West Virginia (2), and Chicago rebuilding homes and helping communities. Bob and his wife Becky are originally from Worcester County Massachusetts. and have lived in Simsbury, Connecticut. for the last 16 years.

Designer of the Year

Nominee

Kenneth Cleveland

SENIOR ASSOCIATE

Centerbrook

CENTERBROOK



KENNETH CLEVELAND is a Senior Associate at Centerbrook Architects and Planners who has advanced his career there since 2006. He is a master technician whose attention to detail and expertise with the science of building has profoundly impacted Centerbrook's designs. His knowledge is sought by teams designing civic and institutional projects that include public libraries, venues for athletics, schools of law and medicine, museums, and science laboratories.

A Connecticut native who grew up on a farm, Ken approaches design practically and is known for developing architectural details that evoke elegant simplicity. Consider, for example, downspouts that he conceived for the New Canaan Library that are nestled flush with the exterior stonework, or a table in its café inspired by Dutch design that overlooks a landscaped view. Ken is recognized as a productive team player by his contractor partners, with whom he cultivates constructive and fair relationships based on mutual trust.

Ken earned his Bachelor of Science in Architectural Studies from the University of Hartford, where he nurtured his love for athletic building design and was inspired by a visit to Centerbrook's School of Law Center at Quinnipiac University. His early career provided Ken opportunities to design practice facilities for the Philadelphia Flyers and the New York Islanders in addition to condominiums, office fit-outs, mixed-use developments, and public schools. His design work for the Truman School, rooted in its New Haven neighborhood, was particularly meaningful to him.

At Centerbrook, Ken has worked on a variety of projects, including the famed Ocean House resort and Quinnipiac University's North Haven and York Hill campus expansions. He was also on design teams for a major project at Mary Institute & St. Louis Country Day School, the renovation of an iconic mid-century modern laboratory at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, and the Bedford Square mixed-use development in Westport, Connecticut. Given his love of athletic competition, Ken is proud of his substantial contributions to the Leo D. Mahoney Arena at Fairfield University and a new football field house and basketball arena at Bryant University.



Designer of the Year

Nominee

Randall Luther, AIA, NCARB

PARTNER

TSKP Studio

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STUDIO



RANDALL LUTHER, AIA, NCARB is a licensed architect with 37 years of professional experience and the design director for the State of Connecticut's first Net Zero Energy public schools in Manchester. Other recent noteworthy projects are the Beman Middle School, a flexible 21st century school for 900 students; Higgins Hall at WCSU, a renovation project that rejuvenated the school's main downtown quad; and Cheney-Bennet Academy, which converted a 1916 boiler building and 1926 mill building into a unified 5th grade academy. He earned degrees from Syracuse University in both architecture and mathematics and returned to Connecticut upon graduation. Subsequently, he spent ten years with a distinguished design firm in the greater New York metropolitan area with a client base in the higher education and institutional arenas, building his skills in all aspects of project development and client services. For the past 26 years, Randall has been at TSKP Studio. Recognizing Randall's design leadership within TSKP, he was named a partner in 2009. Randall is passionate about restoring the dignity of civic architecture, once the pride of every municipal Main Street. He is also dedicated to youth development programs and has been a youth basketball coach for the past 20 years. He is a member of the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce Affordable House Committee, the American Institute of Architects, and a former member of the Clinton Board of Education, several school building committees, the CT School Indoor Environment Resource Team, the ACE Mentoring Program, and the CT AIA School Security Task Force. Randall currently serves on the University of Hartford's Architecture Advisory Board.

General Contractor/Construction Manager of the Year

Nominee

Brian Grant

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, PRE-CONSTRUCTION

NEWFIELD CONSTRUCTION



BRIAN GRANT has been with Newfield since 2001. During his career, Brian has held the positions of Project Engineer, Superintendent, Project Manager and Project Executive. Brian has successfully led dozens of projects from start to finish and he continuously maintains great relations with all of his past clients. Brian's real-world experience in the field and in the office have given him extensive knowledge of what it takes to set up a project for success. In his role as Executive Vice President of Pre-construction, Brian leads Newfield's pre-construction efforts on all of our projects to ensure that each one is properly shepherded through the process from initial award to the start of construction. Brian sets the standard for all of our pre-construction staff in establishing pre-construction milestone schedules, developing project budgets, performing detailed construct ability reviews, permit acquisition, and creation of bid packages for a successful bid and timely start to construction.



General Contractor/Construction Manager of the Year

Nominee

John Turner

PROJECT EXECUTIVE

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JOHN TURNER, a Project Executive at BOND Building Construction, Inc., has earned his reputation as a leading authority in the field of construction management. Garnering accolades from both clients and industry colleagues over his 30+ year career, John has consistently delivered groundbreaking results. His comprehensive knowledge, strategic thinking, and managerial skills have been instrumental in driving the success of numerous high-profile projects. John specializes in working with clients like Yale University and the University of Connecticut, which involves a high level of urgency and sensitivity – understanding that even the slightest mistake or delay could affect the university’s operations. At Yale University, John has led countless projects ranging from the installation of an automated high temperature, high pressure turbine wash system at the Yale Central Power Plant to providing alternate electrical service for the Sterling Law Building - a fully occupied and operational hall. At the University of Connecticut, BOND was retained to replace two of the four gas fired chillers, heat exchangers and pumps, as well as the cooling towers within the Central Utility Plant (CUP). He aided his team in modifying and replacing associated equipment piping, as well as making changes to the chilled water pumping, piping, and controls between the CUP chiller plant and the Cogen chiller plant to minimize impact to the campus. John’s management style is characterized by an empathic and communicative approach that breeds a culture of collaboration and continual advancement within his teams. Beyond his professional realm, John is a staunch advocate for community development. He actively contributes to COMET (Construction Management Enhanced Training), a workforce initiative aimed at guiding underprivileged youth in Connecticut toward fulfilling construction careers.

Subcontractor of the Year

Nominee

Paul DiPietro

VICE PRESIDENT

SWI GLASS AND METAL



PAUL DIPIETRO is Vice President at SWI Glass and Metal, a company serving the specialized glass and metal needs of commercial customers in southern New England for over 64 years. The company employs 23 full-time associates and numerous subcontract installers and completes on average over 200 commercial glass and metal projects per year. SWI focuses on working with contractors, architects, engineers, and owners to provide design services and site-specific solutions to promote successful projects. Paul has a degree in business management and has been with SWI since 1988. He has used his design and business experience to help develop a professional project management, fabrication, and installation team. Paul and his team have successfully completed such high-profile projects as the Cigna office restack, Bristow Middle School, The American School for the Deaf, Hartford Hospital lobby and stair tower renovation and the Hartford Hospital Medical office building lobby and elevator tower. Paul has been associated with Boy Scout Troop 44 in West Hartford for 15 years and serves as the Chairman of Lay Ministry at Bethany Lutheran Church.



Subcontractor of the Year

Nominee

Rachel Mele

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Metropolitan Interactive



Metinteractive



RACHEL MELE is the CEO of Metinteractive. Metinteractive is a design and system integrator headquartered in Oxford, CT. Founded in 2013 by Rachel and Jeff Mele. With Jeff's extensive audio and IT expertise and Rachel's live entertainment, sales, and marketing experience; they combined their talents of creativity, invention, and innovation together. It has proved to be a successful formula for the past decade. Metinteractive has ranked on the Inc 5000 for 4 years in a row and is considered one of the top system integrators in the country. Metinteractive consists of a diverse group of creative professionals and is not your typical audio-visual firm. They blend tradition with out-of-the-box thinking and cutting-edge technology, working collaboratively with architects, consultants and the end user. Sports and entertainment clients include the Cleveland Cavaliers, University of Michigan, the Dodgers, Encore Boston Harbor, University of Connecticut, Villanova, West Virginia University, Lincoln Center, and Tahoe South Event Center. Rachel is a faculty member who teaches for the American Management Association, an Emeritus Board Member at the Arts Council of Greater New Haven and the Treasurer for Newtown school's parent teacher association.

Supplier/Service Provider of the Year

Nominee

Ben Rivera

SENIOR OUTSIDE SALES MANAGER

Contractors Supply Inc.



BEN RIVERA has been in Construction Sales for 35 years. He has been at Contractors Supply as a Senior Outside Sales Manager for the last seven years beginning shortly after they acquired the North Haven location in 2015. The Contractors Supply and Contractors Supply Rental Companies were founded in 1960 and are family owned and operated. They are a trusted distributor of construction materials, supplies, and concrete form rentals in the New England market headquartered in East Providence, RI, with branches in Boston and North Haven. Ben was brought in to build new relationships and business opportunities within the commercial construction and concrete industries in Connecticut. Ben was also a technical sales representative who worked on specifications and product development for rebar splicing on many of the largest construction projects on the east coast including the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, Goethals Bridge, Bayonne Bridge, Tappan Zee Bridge, The Kosciuszko Bridge, The Freedom Tower and many more. Ben was born in California and went to UC Santa Barbara. After college he was the Head Coach for the Santa Paula High School JV Basketball team for three years and coached at camps when he moved to New England. He has now lived in New England for 30 years, with the last 13 years in Torrington, CT. He has been married 34 years, has a 33-year old daughter, a 22-year old son and two grandchildren.



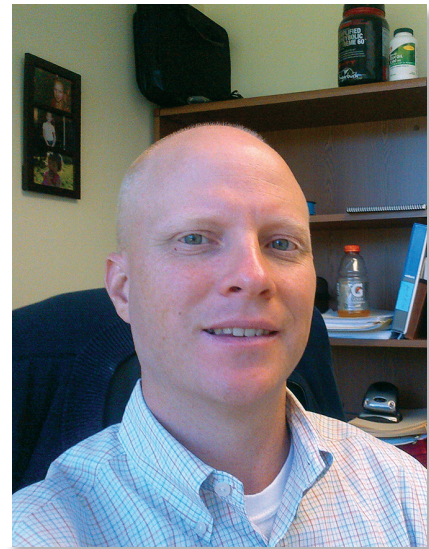
Supplier/Service Provider of the Year

Nominee

Steve Susanin

Senior Vice President

ALLIANT INSURANCE SERVICES, INC.



STEVE SUSANIN is an experienced Surety Bonding/Property Casualty Executive with a demonstrated history of brokering in the insurance industry. Steve is a strong finance professional, skilled in Surety Bonding, Captive Insurance, and Property & Casualty Insurance. Throughout his career he's enjoyed collaborating with Construction company clients in multiple geographies and obtaining optimal Surety and P&C placements for them. Steve is a recognized leader with the various Surety Bonding and Insurance Carrier companies throughout New England. In addition to representing his various construction clients, Steve is also responsible for maintaining and maximizing insurance and surety carrier relationships at both local and regional levels. Alliant Insurance Services is the largest privately held Insurance Broker in the U.S.A. Steve joined Alliant in early 2012 after nearly 11 years as a Vice President for Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services in their Connecticut office, where his roles were similar to those at Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. Prior to that, Steve produced new construction account business for E. S. Susanin, Inc., a Connecticut based agency specializing in surety programs for contractors. Steve initiated his surety career in the mid 1990s as a surety account manager for USF&G Corporation, which merged with St. Paul Insurance Co. and then Travelers Companies during this timeframe. Steve had underwriting responsibilities for regional surety accounts at that time. Steve is a 1992 graduate of Saint Michael's College in Vermont, and resides with his family in Connecticut.

Project Manager of the Year

Nominee

Robert Kowal

PROJECT MANAGER

GILBANE BUILDING COMPANY



ROBERT KOWAL is a Senior Project Manager for Gilbane Building Company. He has BS in Construction Management from Central Connecticut State University and is a dedicated 21-year Gilbane veteran. Rob has worked on many successful and award-winning projects across a variety of markets throughout his seasoned career, including Slate K-6 Upper School, Town of Fairfield Public Schools, and the Connecticut State Office Building Renovation. His most recently completed project is the Hotchkiss School Memorial Hall Renovation, a challenging 25,000 SF residence hall renovation and addition in the heart of the campus. Rob has a knack for complex building renovations and enjoys the challenge. He has the essential problem-solving skills, technical knowledge, and fortitude to lead such projects to a successful outcome and exceed his clients' expectations. Rob is a team player and a talented project manager who exemplifies Gilbane's core values and a passion for building.

Project Manager of the Year

Nominee

John Ruggiero

SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER

Bartlett Brainard Eacott, Inc.



JOHN RUGGIERO is a Senior Project Manager for Bartlett Brainard Eacott, Inc. He has a unique combination of technical prowess and leadership aptitude and is deeply committed to improving project delivery through high levels of communication and trust. With over 25 years of experience, he has managed numerous technically challenging projects with values up to \$125 million in a variety of industries. John is a proven leader who enjoys developing high-performing teams and building great things for many generations to come. John joined BBE in 2020 and brought with him experience gained from his 25-year tenure at John Moriarity & Associates where he served as Project Manager. He is currently serving as Senior Project Manager for numerous and simultaneous high-profile projects, including Mott Corporation renovation, Real Art Ways' comprehensive renovation, Ares tenant fit-out in West Hartford, and several projects at The Hartford Insurance Group. Despite the many demands and project types, John handles each project with ease, and consistently delivers buildings of the highest quality and value. His portfolio of past projects includes the following: New 5-story, \$130 million. 420,00-sf building including interior fit out for Pratt & Whitney World Headquarters, Hartford, CT; For BioMed Realty, Tarrytown, NY, two 5-story facilities for pharmaceutical laboratories for \$125 million; Voya, Windsor, CT; Original construction of Voya's 469,000-SF, \$77-million, world-class headquarters building which included a full-service cafeteria and a glass and stainless steel main lobby; for Stanley Black + Decker, multiple renovations of highly-visible interior spaces in its Hartford and New Britain; For The Hartford Insurance Company, Hartford and Windsor Campuses, Project Executive for various renovation projects, including atriums, conferencing centers, data centers, dining facilities, headquarters/offices, lobby/reception areas, trading floors and training centers; For the Yale Finance and Administration Building, New Haven, CT. 150,000 square feet of office renovations valued at \$12.3 million; For DFAS Southbridge, Southbridge, MA, extended stay hotel and conference center, a combination of new and renovation work for \$45 million.

Project Manager of the Year

Nominee

Joe Vetro

PROJECT MANAGER

O&G INDUSTRIES, INC.



JOE VETRO, a seasoned project manager for O&G Industries Inc.'s Building Group, boasts an extensive 30-year career in the industry. His dedication is evident in the 25 years he has spent working tirelessly at O&G, during which he expertly managed a remarkable 18 projects. Among these projects are some of the largest and most complex in the Building Group's history.

Joe's success in his career as a project manager can be attributed to his exceptional financial acumen, along with his keen focus on cultivating strong relationships with project owners and team members alike.

A proud graduate of North Carolina State University, Joe holds a BS in mechanical engineering and is also LEED certified. Deeply committed to giving back, Joe embraces his faith as an active member of the Catholic Church, generously offering his time and services as a volunteer.

Construction Supervisor of the Year

Nominee

Dave Cormier

PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT

Newfield Construction



DAVE CORMIER has been with Newfield Construction since 2007 with responsibilities including daily coordination and scheduling of subcontractors, including materials deliveries and on-site job inspections, manpower utilization, progress reporting, expediting, troubleshooting, and safety. His construction operational responsibilities include job layout, quality surveying, payroll distribution and payment schedules to meet demands of the trades, specification and drawing interpretation, and punch list completion. He works closely with the entire team, during project planning in order to best understand all construction issues. Dave is Safety Manager and leader of Newfield's Safety Committee.



Construction Supervisor of the Year

Nominee

Norm Gunderson

SUPERINTENDENT

BARTLETT BRAINARD EACOTT, INC.



NORM GUNDERSON is an accomplished project superintendent for Bartlett Brainard Eacott, Inc. He has been with the company for 30 years and has served as a project superintendent for the last 26 years. Norm's management portfolio includes a wide variety of renovations and new buildings, including precision engineering manufacturing facilities, and private and public schools across the state of Connecticut. Some of the highlights of this portfolio include: American School for the Deaf, West Hartford, CT - New Academic Facility Westminster School, Simsbury, CT - New Academic Building and Dormitories Windham Middle School, Willimantic, CT - New Academic Facility; Choate Rosemary Hall, Wallingford, CT - New Academic Building (Concrete Package); Saint Joseph College, West Hartford, CT - Arts and Humanities Buildings; UBS Realty, Hartford, CT – Interior Fit-Up; CREC Museum Academy, Bloomfield, CT - New Academic Facility; State House Square, Hartford, CT - Multi-Level Interior Renovation; City Place II, Hartford, CT - Multi-Level Interior Renovation; CREC Two Rivers Magnet School, East Hartford, CT - New Construction; Trinity College, Hartford, CT - New Academic Building; Duncaster Retirement Community, Bloomfield, CT - New Alzheimer's Unit and Swim Center Renovation; LEGO Corporation, Enfield, CT – New Distribution Center; Oak Hill Adaptive Sports & Fitness, Bristol, CT - New Adaptive Fitness Center; ESPN, Bristol, CT - Conference & Dining Facility; Naugatuck Savings, Naugatuck, CT - New Facility; Aside from his aptitude for handling high-profile, expedited and diverse construction jobs, Norm is a loving father, grandfather, and husband.



Construction Supervisor of the Year

Nominee

Brian Pracuta

PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT

O&G Industries, Inc.



BRIAN PRACUTA, a seasoned superintendent at O&G Industries Inc.'s Building Group, boasts an impressive 40-year career in the industry, with nearly half of it dedicated to O&G. Initially focusing on bridge construction and renovation, Brian eventually found his calling in commercial building and public school construction.

Two standout projects on his resume fill him with immense pride – the meticulously restored and high-profile Yale Bowl in New Haven, where he expertly managed 200 workers across six construction disciplines, and the Beman Middle School in Middletown, which demanded exceptional adaptability in overcoming COVID and supply chain challenges.

A proud member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America for 40 years, Brian's journey began immediately after high school. Graduating from Henry Abbott Regional Vocational Technical School's carpentry department in 1983, he was honored with the "Best Craftsman Award" for his outstanding performance.

In addition to being a loving husband and father to three daughters, Brian cherishes his leisure time spent swimming, traveling, and engaging in ham radio operation as an avid enthusiast.

Safety Professional of the Year

Nominee

Tim Barberet, CHST

SAFETY DIRECTOR

O&G INDUSTRIES, INC.



TIM BARBERET holds the position of Safety Director at O&G Industries, where he has been an integral part of the team since 2017. Possessing both tactical and strategic prowess, Tim expertly navigates through organizational safety management and team leadership.

Not one to shy away from innovation, he actively seeks out cutting-edge safety technology for implementation while recognizing the invaluable role played by state and federal agencies in enhancing safety standards and adopting best practices.

Graduating from Keene State College in 2011 with a degree in Occupational Safety, Tim has dedicated his entire career to ensuring workplace safety in both construction and utility sectors. As a licensed Construction Health and Safety Technician accredited by the Board of Certified Safety Professionals and a Red Cross Certified First Aid/CPR/AED Instructor, his expertise is unquestionable. Additionally, Tim actively contributes to the CBIA Safety Board while participating in the monthly AGCCT safety roundtable discussions.

Safety Professional of the Year

Nominee

Marcus Stevenson

SAFETY PROFESSIONAL

Tilcon Connecticut, Inc.



MARCUS ANTHONY STEVENSON, currently working as a Safety Professional for Tilcon-CT, has been with the company for a little more than 38 years. He works in Tilcon's Construction Division, which oversees the Civil, Paving, and Milling Operations. His experience, knowledge, and work ethic in the business has earned him a rewarding career with Tilcon. He also is a union liaison for Operators, Teamsters, and Laborers. He began at Tilcon as a laborer and eventually became the union steward, a position he has held for 28 years. He has worked on various civil, and state projects, including: the Brass City Mall; West Farms Mall; the road re-construction of I-95 in Rocky Hill/ Wethersfield; Route 2 from Marlborough to Colchester; and Route 2 from East Hartford to Marlborough. From working on these various projects, he achieved his ATTSA certification, and trained as a supervisor as his love for Highway and Road Safety intensified. As a result, he was put in charge of all of Maintenance and Protection for Tilcon's DOT major road projects across the state. His integrity and sheer passion for the safety of the community and his co-workers allowed him to move into the ranks accepting the role as Safety Professional. Prior to his career at Tilcon, he worked for the Cotton Hill Landscaping Company, and at the Fafnir Bearing Company, at first as an aerospace set-up person and eventually a machinist by trade. Marcus is a single father of a son and daughter, resides in New Britain, and has six granddaughters and one grandson.

Safety Professional of the Year

Nominee

Byron Treado

CORPORATE SAFETY DIRECTOR

MANAFORT BROTHERS, INC.



BYRON TREADO is the Corporate Safety Director at Manafort Brothers with twenty years' experience with the Manafort team helping to safety work in all aspects of construction in Connecticut. The constant changing of environments and challenges of construction sites led to utilizing collaboration and communication, which Byron has excelled, to create a safety conscious work environment where the supervisors and the craft are assured in their safety skill and confident enough to stop work and maintain a questioning attitude. Byron has worked on nuclear remediation, heavy highway, HAZWOPER, asbestos, demolition, concrete, earth moving and excavation sites and trained hundreds of employees in Construction Outreach courses, which led to furthering professional certifications as a Construction Health and Safety Technician and Certified Safety Professional. Along with mentoring colleagues and furthering safety knowledge, Byron is a slightly below average golfer and enjoys spending time outdoors with his family and friends.





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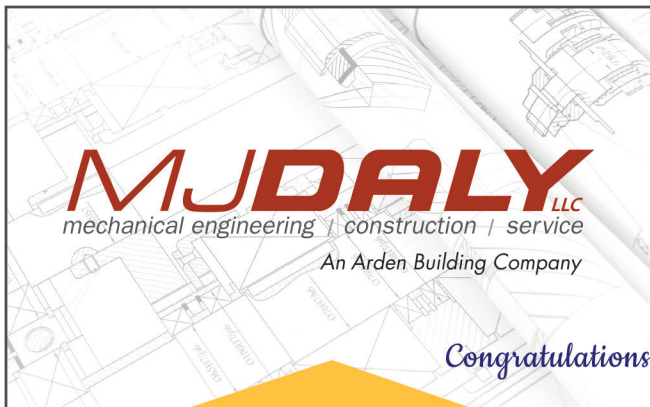
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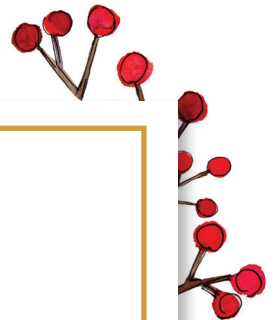


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