ABC Virginia Kicks Off New Summer Program

As you walk through the halls of ABC Virginia this Summer, you may notice a new group of friendly faces. On July 9th, ABC Virginia kicked off our very first Summer Core Program for newly graduated high school students in the Commonwealth.

The new program will arm students with six weeks of hands-on training followed by an employment opportunity with one of our members. By educating a new generation of adolescents, we hope to minimize the biggest challenge our industry faces today: workforce shortage.

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Over 300 in Attendance at ABC-VA Summer Feast Event

On July 12th, over 300 people celebrated Summer during ABC-VA's "Summer Feast", an annual networking event.

W.M. Jordan Company Selected as ENR MidAtlantic Contractor of the Year

W.M. Jordan Co., has been selected as the 2018 ENR MidAtlantic Contractor of the Year.

The company says it has recently experienced an increase in negotiated contracts for both construction management and design-bid-build delivery. The firm attributes the hospitality and senior living markets to its recent success, noting that 30% of its 2017 revenue came from hotel projects.

The firm is completing punch list items on the restoration of the historic Cavalier Hotel in Virginia Beach, Va. Built on a sand dune overlooking the coastline, the hotel hosted nine U.S. presidents and celebrities such as Frank Sinatra, Judy Garland, and Bette Davis. This historic preservation project involved restoring windows, ornamental plasterwork, wood moldings, panelling and terrazzo flooring. The team refurbished the iconic indoor pool and restored the steel truss framing supporting the skylight. A variety of structural steel repairs strengthened and maintained the integrity of the building’s frame. Extensive exterior rehabilitation to the brick masonry and cast stone ornament restored the "Grand Dame" to its previous condition.

W.M. Jordan is also celebrating its 60th anniversary this year, the same year Bobby Lawson, who co-founded the firm in 1958 with the late William M. Jordan, died. Lawson died in April at age 91.

Welcome New Members

Baron Communications Inc.
Primary: Lafayette Tatem
Sponsor: Franklin Bowser, Mark Turner Construction, LLC

Capitol Painting Svcs
Primary: Jose Lobo
Sponsor: Nick Davis, Vantage Construction Corp.

Farmers Bank
Primary: Charles Powers
Sponsor: Rhonda Bridgeman, Comfort Systems of Virginia, Inc.

Hayes Recruiting
Primary: Lindsay Smith

Hobbs & Associates
Primary: Blake Ambrose
Sponsor: Victoria Bennett, Comfort Systems of Virginia, Inc.

Regional Courses, News & Events

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event and all you can eat crab feast. Members mingled over an endless buffet of crabs, tacos, BBQ and kabobs. The day was filled with competitive games, stories, laughter, and fun. ABC-VA STEP Award Winners were also recognized. Thank you to all attendees and event sponsors for supporting your ABC Virginia Chapter!

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Gilbane Building Company Celebrates Major Milestone at Virginia General Assembly Building

Richmond, VA – July 10, 2018 – Gilbane Building Company recently celebrated the “leveling-out” of the Virginia Department of General Services General Assembly Assembly Building in downtown Richmond. The “leveling-out” ceremony, which took place on Tuesday, June 26, marks the full demolition of the 420,000 square-foot General Assembly Building, originally built in 1912. All that remains, supported by an intricate framework of steel, is the historic 105-year-old façade. The event was attended by representatives from the Virginia Department of General Services, representatives of the House of Delegates and Senate of Virginia, Gilbane and our subcontractor partners.

Located on the corner of Ninth and Broad Streets, the original six-story 1912 building was built with an elaborate exterior limestone façade that features three-story Corinthian-style pilasters. In October 2017, the team began constructing a temporary steel bracing tower to support the soon freestanding façade. This effort involved the erection of nearly 370 tons of steel columns, beams, outriggers and wharves; as well as the drilling and pouring of three-foot diameter concrete caissons approximately 60 feet below the site. Seismographs to monitor vibrations and anchored survey points were installed to the façade during demolition to ensure the limestone façade did not move during this process. By the end of March 2018, the façade had been cut away and was standing on its own for the first time. The historic façade is being preserved throughout construction, and will be incorporated into the new, but classic design.

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Lawson’s son John Lawson is president and CEO. The firm’s current generation of leaders is invested in improving their management skills. This year, the firm’s top leaders attended advanced leadership programs at Stanford University, Harvard University, and the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, while future leaders attended FMI professional development programs.

The firm has two offices in the region and one office outside the region in Wilmington, N.C. The Wilmington office has grown 600% in six years.

The firm gives to more than 200 charities each year. They have long-term involvement with the United Way, Salvation Army, An Achievable Dream Academy and ACE Mentoring. Since 1990, W. M. Jordan has raised more than $2.5 million for Children’s Hospital of The King’s Daughters through its charity golf tournament that hosts more than 400 players on three golf courses.

W.M. Jordan will be recognized as Contractor of the Year at the ENR MidAtlantic Best Projects awards banquet in Baltimore on Nov. 7.

At last year’s event, W.M. Jordan won three awards, including:

- Best Cultural/Worship: Science Museum of Virginia Renovations, located in Richmond, Va.
- Award of Merit, Renovation/Restoration: Deco at CNB Apartments, located in Richmond, Va.

W.M. Jordan will also be profiled in the August issue of ENR MidAtlantic, which will feature the region’s annual Top Contractor rankings. Jordan ranked No. 19 in last year’s rankings with $349.21 million in regional revenue. To find out where they rank in this year’s survey, and to learn more about the firm and its projects, check out the August issue of ENR MidAtlantic.

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People Begins August 21st

Beginning August 21st, join ABC-VA for a two day exploration and training on Dr. Stephen Covey’s “The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People”. Understanding

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and practicing the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People can be a life changing experience that will benefit each attendee in their personal and professional lives. Click here to register.

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