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# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2022 SAF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

SITE Advancement Foundation has awarded \$15,000 in scholarships to six deserving area students seeking to further their education at college or technical schools in the Fall 2022 semester. The scholarships are made possible through voluntary contributions from SITE Improvement Association member companies and from the SITE Advancement Foundation Scholarship Fund, which has awarded more than \$350,000 in scholarships over the past 22 years.

High school graduates and college students with a parent employed by a SITE member company are eligible for the scholarships, which are based on each student's academic achievements, involvement in the community and financial need. Scholarship applications for the 2023-2024 school year will be made available later this year.

Learn a little more about each of the six recipients on page 6 of this newsletter.

SITE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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SITE is off to a good start for 2022. We have 14 new members so far. At the April board meeting, the Board of Directors stayed quite busy with the ten applications that needed approval. That's a milestone for SITE to have that many applications at one time. Way to go SITE!! Keep those new member applications coming so SITE can continue to grow.

#### CONGRATULATIONS



Scharf Construction Co., LLC is celebrating 35 years in business in 2022. Scharf spent the first 28 years in business as Reed and Scharf and the past seven as Scharf Construction.

N.B. West Contracting is celebrating 66 years in business!

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# SAVE THE DATE





CLAY BIRD SHOOT



# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

### JEREMY BENNETT

First, I would like to congratulate all of the recipients of the SITE Advancement Foundation scholarships. The amount of talent and community engagement amongst our members' sons and daughters is fantastic. Whether they are participating in 4-H, college fraternities/sororities, or local community outreach programs, the applicants for the SAF scholarships are really taking time to better the communities they live in along with excelling in their own studies. I want to thank ALL the scholarship applicants for their efforts as well as the parents and member companies for pushing out the scholarship information.

I've spoken to a number of recent graduates from local high schools and colleges. As they filtered out of their gymnasiums, stadiums and arenas, many of the graduates were unsure which path they would take as they furthered their studies or approached future employers for positions, but all agreed there is plenty of opportunity. There was a totally different feel in early June at the Operating Engineers Local 513 Apprentice Graduation ceremony that was held at the training facility in Silex, MO. The ceremony venue was "built" by the apprentices in their covered building where excavation and dirt work is performed during rainy weather. The apprentices built a dirt stage about 10 feet higher than the dirt floor, where all the round tables filled with family, loved ones and other fellow graduates sat. They utilized small cranes to hold banners and flags, used dozer buckets for drink troughs, and placed equipment so all the family and friends could see what the apprentices learn to operate.

It was a very fitting ceremony for a three year program.

The parents I spoke to were proud of their recent graduates, stating they couldn't believe their son or daughter knew how to run those big tractors. Attendees were in awe of the equipment, but the graduates look at them like another tool in the chest, each one making them a living. The graduates knew their path, and many making great money during the last three years. They already had jobs, insurance and retirement funds being saved. That is why the apprenticeship program in each and every trade is a viable option for any person. It's a wonderful career with many opportunities.

The summer is in full swing with contractors pushing forward with backlogs of work. As our members get busy, staff takes this time preparing for fall, winter and spring programming of training, events, legislative initiatives, and labor contracts. There is plenty of planning that happens during the months of June, July and August to make sure staff, SITE's Board and committees are ready to serve our members year-round. You will see a membership needs assessment sent out to your emails which we strongly encourage your participation in the survey. Your feedback allows SITE's Board to focus the Association's resources and efforts to better serve you.



### LEGISLATIVE REPORT

#### BY AARON GRIESHEIMER

The Missouri General Assembly officially adjourned on Friday, May 13. Overall, it was a very successful year. How so? SITE, along with its lobbyists, worked diligently to protect our accomplishments from last session and thwart off any repeal efforts to Senate Bill 262 (gas tax).

For example, during the last week of April, Representative Sara Walsh offered an amendment to stop the state's fuel tax increase from going into effect. The amendment stated, "if the average price per gallon of (regular-grade, mid-grade, and premium-grade) gasoline is \$3.50 in any month, the gas tax increase shall not be imposed for a period of two years." As I type this article, the average price for unleaded gasoline in St. Charles is nearly \$5.00 a gallon!



State Rep. Sara Walsh (R-Ashland) speaks on the Missouri House floor. (photo courtesy of Tim Bommel at House Communications)

This caused a two-hour long debate on the House Floor between moderate and far-right Republicans. In the end, the amendment was narrowly defeated (55-61). As we focus on next year, our hope is this will send a clear message to any legislators who consider any repeal efforts.



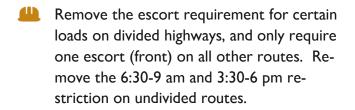
There was one bill that passed both chambers regarding construction, **Senate Bill 758**. This bill was pushed by a couple different organizations including JE Dunn Construction, and the Missouri Office of Administration. Specifically, the bill permits the Office of Administration (which is simply the state department that oversees purchasing and the budget) to utilize the "construction manager-atrisk" method when bidding projects. However, it only applies to non-civil works projects of more than \$7 million and no more than five non-civil works projects in any fiscal year that are valued at less than \$7 million.



So, what is the construction manager-at-risk (CMAR) method? Well, the CMAR method requires the owner to hire a construction manager, typically a general contractor, to oversee the design, bid and build portion of the project. However, the owner can dictate more or less responsibilities to the CMAR. This option can benefit the owner because if there are cost overruns on the project, the CMAR 'eats' the cost. Hence the owner doesn't hold as much burden or risk. SITE did not testify on this legislation as our focus remained on preserving the gas tax.

Lastly, Missouri was allocated approximately \$2.7 billion in State Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The Missouri General Assembly voted to use much of these funds for a wide array of improvement projects across the state. For example, \$400 million of those ARPA funds have been allocated for water and wastewater infrastructure upgrades. To see a complete list of capital improvement projects, scan the OR code below.





Allow "envelope" combinations to be permitted as routine above 160,000 lbs. when the number of axles and length allows for it.

Unfortunately, SITE was recently notified MoDOT decided not to implement any of our recommendations. In response, SITE has scheduled a meeting with Becky Allmeroth, the Chief Safety and Operations Officer at MoDOT, to discuss our position and highlight what other states have done. We will continue to strive for common sense solutions to ease the burden on our contractors.

#### **OVERSIZE OVERWEIGHT RULES**

As you may recall in our past newsletter, SITE forwarded several suggested revisions to MoDOT regarding its current oversize overweight permitting process. We sent the following recommendations:

- Modify the curfew so it does not apply to loads up to 12'6" in width, 15' in height, and 110' in length.
- Create an annual oversize & overweight blanket permit for the movement of construction equipment.
- Increase the width maximum for night movement to 12'6", with no escorts required for loads up to and including 10'6" in width on all routes and 12'6" for those traveling on divided highways.
- Allow the maximum sum of allowable axle weights on routine permits, provided that the truck's steering axle is rated to carry the amount requested on it.





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#### MAKE SITE WORK FOR YOU

# 2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



**Faith Beckmann -** Sponsored by Nor-Vel Grading & Excavating, LLC, Faith graduated from Francis Howell Central High School. Faith plans to attend Westminster College in the fall to study history.

Cheyenne Burt - Sponsored by Karrenbrock Construction, Inc., Cheyenne attends Lindenwood University, where she is studying biological sciences. Cheyenne is a graduate of Francis Howell High School.



**Sydney Hartoin** - Sponsored by SCI Engineering, Inc., Sydney is



finishing her first year at Austen Peay State
University, where she is working toward an
accounting degree. Sydney graduated from
Triad High School in 2021.

Hayden Miller - Sponsored by Warrenton Oil Company, Hayden is heading into his second year at State Technical College of Missouri. Hayden is a graduate of Silex High School.





Mason Neal - Sponsored by Kuesel Excavating Co., Mason graduated from Timberland High School. After graduation, Mason plans to attend the University of Mississippi to study mathematics.

Adelin Scanlon - Sponsored by Pace Construction Co., LLC, Adelin is a recent graduate of Marquette High School. In the fall, Adelin will be attending the University of Missouri-Columbia to study biomedical engineering.



## SITE DAY AT THE CAPITAL

SITE hosted a construction industry day at the Missouri Capitol on May 3. The group met with leadership in both the House and Senate, Lieutenant Governor Mike Kehoe, and Governor Mike Parson. We stressed the importance of preserving our state's gas tax, as well as other legislative priorities. Thank you to everyone who attended!







#### 41st ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AND DINNER



Mark your calendars and arrange your foursomes to tee off **Monday**, **August 15**, at SITE's 41st Annual Golf Tournament. **LIMITED TO THE FIRST 288 GOLFERS.** The tournament will be held on both courses of Norwood Hills Country Club. \$365 Single Golfer or \$1,460 Foursome. Price increases to \$390 or \$1,560 for registrations and payments received after Friday, July 22.

We're looking for sponsors to make this event a success! All sponsorships levels include company name listed on All Sponsors signs displayed the day of the tournament along with the following.

- **1 Hole Sponsor \$250** Company recognized as a sponsor with a hole sign on either the East or West course
- **2 Hole Sponsor \$400** Company recognized as a sponsor with a hole sign on both the East and West courses
- Beverage Cooler Sponsor. Thirteen available \$400 each
   Company recognized with a sign placed near a beverage cooler on either
   the East or West course
- 2 Course Longest Drive Contest Sponsor. Five available \$500 Company recognized with a sign posted at one designated longest drive contest hole on both the East and West courses
- Cocktail Hour Sponsor \$500 Company recognized with a sign as a sponsor during the 288+ attendee cocktail hour
- **Lunch/Dinner Sponsor \$500** Company recognized with a sign as a sponsor during the 288+ lunch/dinner
- **Putting Contest Sponsor. Two available \$500** This sponsor will be allowed to set up a tent at one of the putting contests on either the East or West course
- **Snack Cart Sponsor. Two available \$500** This sponsor will be recognized with a sign placed on a snack cart that travels around either the East or West course

Registration is available at sitestl.org/event/41st-annual-golf-tournament/

### **RETIREES LUNCHEON 2022**

Musical Artist David Allen Coe wrote, "It is not the beauty of a building you should look at, it's the construction of the foundation that will stand the test of time." Every year, SITE honors the men and women that have spent their time paving the road to the success of our organization.

This year, SITE hosted the Retiree Luncheon on May 12, 2022, at Bar Louie in Chesterfield, Mo. The afternoon was spent with stories of the past, reminiscing about the "good ol' days," and offering sound advice for moving forward with the wisdom they acquired during their journey in the industry.











#### MISS AUGUSTA RIVER CRUISE

#### Save the date; you won't want to miss this one!



Welcome aboard the Miss Augusta, Missouri's newest luxury yacht! This 105-foot yacht features levels where you can relax in air-conditioned climate-controlled salons or bask in the sun from the third-level sundeck. Who would not like to network and cruise on a yacht all at the same time? Here's your chance! SITE has scheduled a two-hour networking cruise on the Missouri River aboard the Miss Augusta on **Saturday, September 10.** 

Additional event details can be found at www.sitestl.org. Register online by August 26. Cost to attend is \$130 per person. Hor d'oeuvres and cocktails will be provided the entire cruise. Reservations will be limited to four people or two couples per member company. After August 26, all available space will be open to any member company, regardless of previous reservations. No reservations will be accepted after September 2. Any questions, please call SITE's office.

# SUMMER NETWORKING EVENT

SITE held a summer networking event on June 8 at the Wild Crush Wine Bar(n) in the heart of Town & Country. This is a new, unique venue that opened in October 2021. What is the uniqueness of Wild Crush, one may ask? Well, it has 24 self-dispensing wine machines offered in taste, half (2.4 oz.) & full (6.0 oz.) pours. It's the first of its kind in Missouri. Those who attended enjoyed the indoor venue as well as the nice view from the outdoor patio.



# MAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Don Simon of The Hoffman Family of Companies gave nearly 100 SITE members a detailed review of their proposed changes around the Augusta and Defiance areas in St. Charles County. Their goal is to change these areas into a world wine and event destination area. Don, CEO of Missouri Operations, personally apologized to SITE for not presenting at the 2022 Investment in Infrastructure as scheduled. He promised SITE that he would deliv-

er a better and more detailed presentation at the May General Membership meeting and he delivered.



# SITE MEMBERS ENGAGE CEMENT MASON PRE-APPRENTICES

In an effort to expand the labor workforce and cultivate a diverse and inclusive culture, SITE members Millstone Weber and Concrete Strategies joined our Cement Mason Pre-Apprentices in a Meet and Greet Friday, May 13, 2022.

Scott Downs, the Training Coordinator for the Cement Mason Local 527, kicked off the meeting by speaking to cement subcontractors about the importance of actively engaging our interested pre-apprentices. Conversations addressed barriers that up-and-coming apprentices may face, such as transportation and the need for patience and inclusivity as they work in the field. They also conversed about the need for journeyman and foreman buy-in for further training, development and mentorship.

After the conversation with the subcontractors, eight excited and ready-for-work pre-apprentices greeted them in the Cement Mason workshop. All the pre-apprentices were engaged and introduced themselves to each subcontractor. It was clear that Scott had prepared them for excellence. Each pre-apprentice approached the subcontractors with questions to strategically gauge their interest in hiring.

According to McKinsey and Company, the construction industry projects approximately 3.2 million new U.S. jobs in the next 10 years, exacerbating the need for more apprentices to enter the labor workforce.

With the growing need for a more well-trained labor workforce, more contractors must engage in pre-apprentice meet-and-greet opportunities and secure qualified workers to come and stay in the construction industry.









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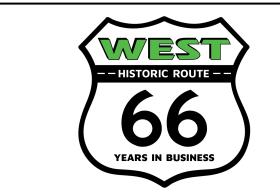














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# ANNUAL WAGE ORDER 29 UNDER REVIEW



Annual Wage Order 29 is now in review and can be viewed here <a href="https://laborwebapps.mo.gov/dls/">https://laborwebapps.mo.gov/dls/</a>
<a href="prevailingwage">prevailingwage</a>. As a reminder, the new annual wage order 29 will become effective July 1, 2022. Be aware that when bidding public work subject to this wage order, you will have to pay the higher rate of either the new wage order or union contractual wage rate.

# ST. LOUIS BUILDING TRADES EMPLOYMENT

The Saint Louis Building Trades recently reported the following percentages of their members who are gainfully employed:

100% Operators 100% Plumbers & Pipefitters

100% Laborers 100% Electricians

100% Cement Masons 100% Sheet Metal Workers

100% Teamsters 100% Carpenters

100% Iron Workers 100% Sprinkler Fitters

100% Insulators 100% Painters

100% Brick Layers 100% Boiler Makers

#### **MANPOWER ISSUES**

Manpower issues will be plaguing the St. Louis Construction Industry for the foreseeable future. What can you do? Recently the Laborers Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee and Joint Apprenticeship Training Fund agreed to address the apprentice to journeyman ratio. This is a delicate balance, because the group has to be mindful of training capacity at the laborers training school. This amendment below was agreed to by all parties.

Any employer signatory to the Laborers Agreement can hire apprentices on a 3 (journeyman)-1 (apprentice) ratio. As an example, this means that companywide if you employ 10 journeyman laborers, you may employ 3 apprentices. This is a temporary change from the collective bargaining agreement which restricts the number of apprentices per company. There has not been an end date discussed.

Other manpower tips: You can hire an operator pre-apprentice to work at your company while the pre-apprentice waits for the 513 operators training school to open for enrollment. The waiting period for an operator pre-apprentice after registering at the school may be 8-14 months. During that waiting period, the pre-apprentice can work for the company at first level apprentice scale. If contractors are interested, there must be less than 5 percent apprentices on the out-of-work list at the hall and the employer must call the 513 operators hall to get approval to onboard a pre-apprentice.

# FROM THE SAFETY SIDE

## TRENCH SAFETY STAND DOWN

According to OSHA, one cubic yard of soil can weigh up to 3,000 pounds – approximately the weight of a small car. Sadly, the fatality rate for excavation work is 112 percent higher than the rate for general construction, OSHA data shows. The agency lists "employee injury from collapse" as the primary hazard of excavation work.

To help reverse this statistic, SITE Improvement Association is urging its members who perform excavation work to participate in a Trench Safety Stand Down. This year, Trench Safety Stand Down week is June 20-24, 2022.



The purpose of a stand down is for employers to pause and take time to talk directly to their employees about a specific safety topic. Specifically, the event is intended to raise awareness of the dangers of trenching and excavation while highlighting the use of protective systems such as sloping, shoring, and shielding.

• Sloping (or benching). Cutting back the trench wall at an angle inclined away from the excavation.

- Shoring. Installing aluminum hydraulics or other types of supports to prevent cave-ins.
- Shielding. Using trench boxes or other supports to prevent cave-ins.

SITE recently created a promotional video regarding this important topic. Feel free to share this video with your employees. Members can access the video by scanning this QR with their phone.



We also recommend contractors utilize toolbox talks or other material to draw attention to the other hazards related to working in and around trenches/ excavations. For example, a competent person must inspect all trenches at the beginning of every workday and recognize whenever the condition of the trench changes. A competent person must grant approval before any employees enter or perform work involving a trench.

Employers should also ensure there is a safe way to enter and exit the trench. OSHA requires employers to provide ladders, steps, ramps, or other safe means of egress for workers working in trench excavations four feet or deeper. Keep materials away from the edge of the trench. Look for standing water or atmospheric hazards. Lastly, never enter a trench unless it has been properly inspected.

#### DON'T DIG YOUR OWN GRAVE!





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### **2022 PLANNED EVENTS**

Mon., August 15 **GOLF TOURNAMENT & DINNER** 

Norwood Hills Country Club

Sat., September 10 MISS AUGUSTA RIVER CRUISE

Augusta, MO

Thurs., October 6 CLAY BIRD SHOOT

Black Hawk Valley

Thurs., October 27 **JOINT SITE/APWA NETWORKING EVENT** 

Orlando's

Thurs., December 1 HOLIDAY HAPPY HOUR

Bogey Hills Country Club

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