



Bulletin

Serving Professional Union Finishing Contractors in the Midwest

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Larry Nedrow NiPDi Scholarship Program Awards 31 Recipients

The Larry Nedrow NiPDi Scholarship was created by the NiPDi Board of Trustees to further educational development within the market served by NiPDi contributing contractors. NiPDi scholarships are offered on behalf of the painting and drywall industry. It is not required that the nominee/applicant contribute to the NiPDi fund, be related to a NiPDi contributing contractor, or have any connection with NiPDi. The applicant must be a full-time student enrolled at a certified

junior college, college, university, vocational, technical, or trade school during the applicable academic year. A 500 word essay is required to complete the application process. The 2010 - 2011 application forms were sent in late August and are due in the NiPDi office by November 2nd. Call the NiPDi office at 630-264-7880 if you have not received your application materials. The 2009 - 2010 recipients are listed below. Congratulations to this year's winners!☘

Melissa Acton of St. Charles sponsored by **Bob Wargarski** of **Spray Specialists, McHenry**
Konra Bafia of **Burr Ridge** sponsored by **Joseph Bafia** of **Interpaint, Burr Ridge**
Daniel Barclay, Itasca sponsored by **Norb Soltysiak** of **Leopardo Co, Hoffman Estates**
Alyssa Boisvert, **Lakemoor** sponsored by **Tom Stuckman** of **TS Decorating, Wauconda**
Daniel Brummitt, Stickney sponsored by **Jim Fox** of **Drywall Systems Residential, Lake in the Hills**
Jessica Carlson, **Deerfield** sponsored by **Joseph Feldner** of **McNulty Brothers Co, Chicago**
Elizabeth Charlton, Washington sponsored by **Robert Hand** of **Vogue Painting & Decorating, Chillicothe**
Megan Cinto, **Sugar Grove** sponsored by **Dan Brusveen** of **Monaco Decorating Service, Yorkville**
Dana DeFranco, Chicago sponsored by **Arthur Jiminez** of **Alliance Drywall & Acoustical, Bensenville**
Kadie Freshour, **Plano** sponsored by **Matt Roop** of **Roop Painting Inc, Sandwich**
Lauren Henderson, Bloomington sponsored by **Bernie Wright** of **Bedrock Painting, Normal**
Eric Johnson, **Elgin** sponsored by **Vince Martorano** of **Clarion Construction, Lombard**
Devin Johnston, Bloomingdale sponsored by **Diane Johnston** of **RW Johnston & Sons, Bloomingdale**
Cassie LeCuyer, **Plano** sponsored by **Thomas LeCuyer** of **LeCuyer Painting, Sandwich**
Anthony Lisenko, Green Valley sponsored by **Dennis Higdon**, **Mid-Illinois Companies, Peoria**
Amanda Lown, **Lexington** sponsored by **Bill Nielsen** of **Pecover Decorating, Aurora**
Shane Mahoney, Metamora sponsored by **Jeff McClanahan** of **McClanahan Painting, Edwards**
Thomas Marshall, **Orland Park** sponsored by **Greg Myhre** of **Skyline Decorating, Schaumburg**
Kelsey Medcalf, Cary sponsored by **Dennis Warner** of **The Hollenbeck Group, Grayslake**
Megan Moran, **Elmhurst** sponsored by **Mark Yokubonis** of **Pyramid Painting & Decorating, Morris**
Nicholas Mycyk, Wheaton sponsored by **Randy Gibson** of **Nedrow Decorating, Aurora**
Tyler Raycraft, **Normal** sponsored by **Dennis Pleines** of **Associated Sandblasting, Bloomington**
Lauren Schartz, Antioch sponsored by **Walter Glowicki** of **Savage Decorating, Schaumburg**
Adam Sondag, **Chillicothe** sponsored by **Dennis Dragoo** of **Dragoo Painting, Peoria**
Peter Tew, Hickory Hills sponsored by **Martin Tew Jr** of **JM Brennan and Co, Chicago**
Amit Thawaney, **West Chicago** sponsored by **Doris Procaccio** of **Procaccio Painting, St. Charles**
Tracy Tyrakowski, Hickory Hills sponsored by **Thomas Tyrakowski** of **Am-Coat Painting, Homer Glen**
Samuel Velasquez, **Monee** sponsored by **Don Steadman** of **All-Tech Decorating, Romeoville**
Molly Walz, Batavia sponsored by **Rick Vandegraft** of **RW Vandegraft Painting, Normal**
Eric Weisbruch, **Peoria** sponsored by **Kenneth Ober** of **Elite Painting, Dunlap**
Alexis Zarifis, Oswego sponsored by **Trent Scheifer** of **Fox Valley Drywall, Aurora**

Changing of the Guard for LMCI Fund Administration

William McDevitt, the man who led the Labor-Management Cooperation Initiative (LMCI) as the Fund Administrator for eight years, is stepping down.

McDevitt will stay on at the LMCI through the remainder of the year. He led LMCI as the organization expanded its services and developed new resources to benefit both contractors and labor. He was the LMCI's point person and worked closely with the executive staff of its management arm, the Finishing Contractors Association (FCA), and its labor arm, the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT).

According to FCA's CEO Stuart Binstock, "Bill McDevitt has been a tireless advocate of labor and management during his tenure at LMCI. The many products and services produced by LMCI would not have come to fruition without the insight and hard work of Bill McDevitt."

A veteran contractor with years of union experience will become the next Fund Administrator of the LMCI. Kevin P. LaRue was chosen by LMCI Co-Chairs Edward C. Smith, FCA Chairman of the Board, and James Williams, IUPAT General President.

Chairman Smith said, "I have had the opportunity to meet Kevin and discuss his background. He has experience as a union contractor and has worked for the IUPAT, so his diverse background should give Kevin a unique prospective regarding labor and management working together to achieve our mutually beneficial goals."

Chairman Smith added that, as the management side of the LMCI, FCA staff will continue to work closely with the LMCI executive staff, "and if enthusiasm means anything, this young man is a winner."

LaRue brings seven years of Labor-Management experience to his new role as Administrator at the LMCI. Most recently, he served as Recruitment Manager of the Finishing Trades Institute (FTI), headquartered in Hanover, MD. In addition, Kevin has successfully researched and headed up some of the most difficult projects and challenging assignments undertaken in collaboration with IUPAT, FTI, and FCA.

"Kevin's recent experience will be of particular benefit to the LMCI because he has insight to what contractors do and what we deal with, plus his union experience gives him a perspective from both sides of the desk," said Chairman Smith.

Previously, as a contractor, LaRue was owner of KRL Enterprises, Professional Coatings and Wall-covering, where he was directly responsible for all business activities. These included business development, marketing product services, advertising, project estimation and staff management for multiple ongoing projects. He worked diligently with prospective and current clients during cost negotiations, involving cost justification and adjustment, when appropriate, to close the transaction.

LaRue said, "This effort [cost negotiations] was carefully developed to maintain the balance of high quality service and profitability."

LaRue also held a position with R.W. Painting, Inc. as a project manager/foreman, where his main duties included field supervision on large-scale commercial projects for which he acted as a liaison between his employer and the general contractor.

He graduated at the top of his class from the New York State Police Academy before he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the National Labor College. Please feel free to reach out to LaRue, klarue@iupat.org, to congratulate him on his new position. ☘

Painters District Council No. 30

Journeyman Classes

- Oct. 10 Sup Scaffold w/Aerial Lift 7am – 3:30pm
- Oct. 10 Hazard Communication 8am – 11am
- Oct. 12 Aerial Lift 7am – 10:30am
- Oct. 14 Aerial Lift 7am – 10:30am
- Oct. 16 Aerial Lift 7am – 10:30am

STARs Classes

- Oct 10 First Aid/ CPR, BBP, Respiratory JATF
1905 Sequoia, Aurora
- Oct 12 Respiratory @ Local 157 Labor Temple, Peoria
- Oct 14 Respiratory @ Local 467 1012 N. 5th Ave, Kankakee
- Oct 20 Respiratory @ Local 1355
5640 Sockness Dr, Rockford
- Nov 7 OSHA 10 Labor Temple, Peoria
- Nov 14 First Aid/ CPR, BBP, Respiratory JATF
1905 Sequoia, Aurora
- Dec 12 First Aid/ CPR, BBP, Respiratory JATF
1905 Sequoia, Aurora

Class sizes are limited, so please call to reserve your spot & ensure class availability. (630) 966-1451

Save the Date!

Third Annual Midwest Regional Union Finishing Contractors Conference

The Westin Lombard, IL

February 5 & 6, 2010

Keynotes

Education Sessions

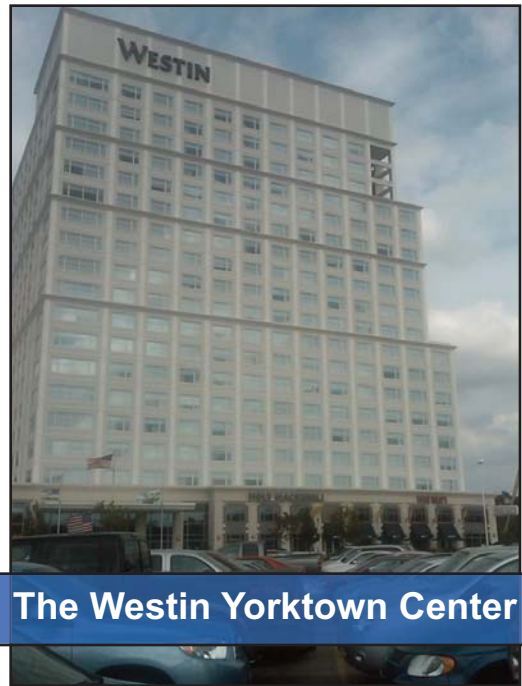
Trade Show

Reception

Roundtable



*Learn to Thrive -
Right Here, Right Now*



The Westin Yorktown Center

The conference host hotel is the Westin Yorktown Center in Lombard, Illinois. The group rate is only \$89. This is an amazing deal for a an impressive hotel. Reservations are being taken right now. You can either call the Westin at (630) 719-8000 and say you are with **Finishing Contractors Association of Illinois** or go to: www.StarwoodMeeting.com/Book/BookNiPDj.

Conference Keynotes

Rick Wright is co-founder and CEO of DRW Partners, Inc., a Dallas-based practice specializing in the following areas: Leadership Development, Strategic Planning, Change Management, Merger and Acquisition Integration, Performance Improvement & Innovation, Sales Force Transformation, Assessments and Coaching for Selection and Development of Talent. During his fifteen years with Pritchett Rummler-Brache, Deloitte & Touche, and Arthur D. Little, Rick held senior positions in consulting and training delivery, product and methodology development, project management, and client acquisition. In these positions, he partnered with senior executives and line management to improve the performance of individuals, teams, and organizations through needs analysis, strategic planning, design and roll-out of interventions, coaching, and change management. Rick has a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the United States Air Force Academy, and has also completed work toward an MBA. Rick also has over 3500 hours as a Master Navigator in the U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard, including over 200 sorties during his activation for the Persian Gulf War.

James Williams, General President of IUPAT, began his apprenticeship with Glaziers, Architectural Metal and Glass Workers Local Union 252, Philadelphia, after graduating from Northeast Catholic High School in 1968. In 1969 he enlisted in the Army, serving as an Infantryman in Vietnam. He was awarded two Bronze Stars, the Army Accommodation Medal, and an Air Medal. Returning home in 1971, he completed his apprenticeship and worked as a journeyman glazier. In 1975, he was elected president and business manager of Local Union 252. In 1978, he was elected business manager/secretary-treasurer of the district council and served on numerous boards. In August of 1994 he was elected the Allied Region General Vice President of IUPAT. He held this position until September 1995, when he was appointed General Secretary-Treasurer elect of the IUPAT. In August 1999 he was elected general secretary-treasurer. In April 2003, Mr. Williams was unanimously elected General President by the Union's General Executive Board. In a unanimous vote of the 2009 IUPAT General Convention, James A. Williams was re-elected to a five-year term.



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October 8, 2009

Labor Management Meeting
Meson Sabika, Naperville

December 10, 2009

Holiday Party
Eagle Brook Country Club, Geneva

January 14, 2010

Annual Meeting
CityGate Grille, Naperville

February 5 & 6, 2010

FCAI 3rd Annual Conference
Westin Lombard