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Mission: Foster education, recognition and networking for all industry professionals who collaborate to plan, create and sustain best construction practices.

Vision: The collaborative place for the building industry.



CELEBRATING THE 2025 AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

The 30th Annual MCA Awards of Excellence had record-breaking turnout, with over 280 industry professionals in attendance. The event took place on January 29, 2025, at the Minneapolis Marriott West to honor outstanding individuals and organizations in construction. Congratulations to our winners!



View the 2025 Awards of Excellence winners on pages 6-9

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

John Petersen
Ryan Companies US, Inc.

Greetings MCA members and industry friends,

I'm honored to serve as your 2025 MCA President. Stepping into this role is a privilege, and I'm excited to work alongside all of you to continue advancing our association's goals. I'd like to extend my gratitude to MCA Past President Patrick North, SitesForBuilders.com, and the 2024 Board for their outstanding leadership and commitment over the past year. Their dedication has played a pivotal role in strengthening our association and advancing our industry.

As spring quickly approaches, we are gearing up for a busy and productive season in the construction industry. The thawing of the ground signals new projects, fresh opportunities, and a renewed pace of work across Minnesota.

I'm excited to announce the launch of a new MCA committee: The Emerging Leaders Committee. This group will host fun quarterly events for new professionals in the construction industry. Sign up for their [email list here](#).

Additionally, we have a great lineup of events this year:

- **March 11:** [Emerging Leaders Happy Hour](#)
- **March 19:** [Happy Hour](#)
- **March 26:** [Education Session: AI Opportunities in Construction](#)
- **April 29:** [Leadership Training Academy](#)
- **May 14:** [Education Session: Changes to the Energy Code](#)
- **June 4:** [17th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament](#)
- **June 25:** [St. Paul Saints Game Networking Event](#)
- **September 17:** [8th Annual Clay Shoot](#)
- **October:** [12th Annual Social](#)
- **November:** [Construction Industry Forecast: The State of the Minnesota Economy](#)

Thank you for your passion and hard work in making Minnesota's construction industry strong. I look forward to collaborating with all of you as we move into this new season, embracing the challenges and successes that lie ahead. Here's to a prosperous season!

FIND OUT WHAT'S TRENDING IN THE INDUSTRY AND STAY UP-TO-DATE ON MCA ACTIVITIES!

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MARCH 11

Emerging Leaders Event:
Mix & Mingle Happy Hour!

MARCH 19

Networking Happy Hour

MARCH 26

Education Session:
AI Opportunities in
Construction

APRIL 29

Leadership Training
Academy

MAY 14

What Contractors Need
to Know About Minnesota
Energy Codes

JUNE 25

St. Paul Saints Game



Find more information
on MCA events at
[mnconstruction.org/
events/calendar](https://mnconstruction.org/events/calendar)



EMERGING LEADERS EVENTS

REGISTER FOR OUR HAPPY HOUR!

Join us on Tuesday, March 11 at Forgotten Star Brewing Co. for a [fun happy hour](#) exclusively for new and emerging professionals (10 years of experience or less)! Sip on craft beers while engaging in meaningful conversations with peers and making new friends in the construction industry.

Cost: FREE for members and nonmembers

Location: [Forgotten Star Brewing Co.](#)

38 Northern Stacks Dr, Fridley, MN 55421

Enter our drawing! Refer a friend from the industry to attend, and both of you will be entered into our special drawing for a chance to win exciting prizes, including gift cards and MCA merch. Don't miss out—spread the word and increase your chances of winning!



REGISTER HERE



JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST!

Hosted by the MCA Emerging Leaders Committee, these quarterly events are a fun and casual way to connect with emerging leaders in the construction industry. Each event is a chance to mix, mingle, and enjoy exciting experiences with new professionals in construction.

[Join our email list](#) to stay in the loop on all our upcoming events!



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Tuesday, April 29 | 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Golden Valley

Join us for an exciting day of networking with students, faculty, and fellow industry professionals! The [Leadership Training Academy](#) is the perfect opportunity for students to take their professional development to the next level, connect with peers, gain valuable insights from experienced professionals, and build relationships that can shape their future careers.

Cost:

- Students & Faculty — \$15
- Members — \$20
- Nonmembers — \$25

Thanks to our generous sponsors, this year's event will be held in two locations across the street from each other:

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>> [RJM Construction](#)

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PROJECT EXCELLENCE AWARDS

NEW PROJECT TOTAL VALUE UNDER \$15,000,000

Red Lake Nation College – Minneapolis
Loeffler Construction & Consulting



NEW PROJECT TOTAL VALUE OVER \$15,000,000

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Knutson Construction



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PROJECT EXCELLENCE AWARDS

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GENERAL CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR *Knutson Construction*



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SUBCONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR *Sonus Interiors*



SERVICE PROVIDER OF THE YEAR *American Engineering Testing, Inc.*



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— FEATURED PROJECTS —

G4 Construction Management

Egg ON A Roll — Dinkytown
Minneapolis, MN

Completion Date: January 2025



G4 Construction Management recently completed the first buildout location of the new breakfast sandwich concept Egg On a Roll in Dinkytown. The project features bold colors and a hip vibe to the neighborhood. Egg on a Roll draws inspiration from the NY-style bodega, with a modern twist. Stop in for a great breakfast sandwich! ■

SWEDEBRO

Warehouse Epoxy Coating
Project — Fridley, MN

Completion Date: Fall 2024



Last summer, **SwedeBro** installed over 100,000 square feet of epoxy flooring in a Twin Cities warehouse. Triangle, a major transportation and warehouse company, approached us to address their worn and damaged concrete floors. The uncoated concrete had deteriorated over time, becoming spalled, cracked, and uneven. This caused significant damage to one of their primary storage products—large bulk rolls of paper. When stored on their sides, the uneven floor damaged the paper edges, creating a costly issue for both Triangle and their customer. ■



Celebrating 20 Years of Excellence – Orion Search Group

In 2025, [Orion Search Group](#) proudly marks 20 years of helping businesses and professionals connect, grow, and succeed. Since our founding in 2005, we have been dedicated to delivering top-tier executive search and recruitment services, building lasting relationships, and driving success for our clients and candidates alike.

This milestone is a testament to the trust, commitment, and collaboration of our clients, partners, and team members. As we celebrate two decades of excellence, we look forward to continuing our mission of connecting talent with opportunity and shaping the future of recruitment.

Thank you for being part of our journey—here's to the next 20 years! ■



Cynthia Long Receives Award

Congratulations to Cynthia Long, [Inspec](#), for receiving The Minneapolis – St. Paul Chapters, Griffith Award at the CSI Awards Banquet on December 5, 2024. The Griffith Award is in recognition of those who have advanced the mission of the Construction Specification Institute and setting a standard of quality and professionalism. ■



THE MCA ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION WILL OPEN IN APRIL!

MCA is thrilled to offer scholarships to students in a 4-year program or tech/trade school program. MCA is dedicated to helping students achieve their educational goals. Since 2011, MCA has awarded \$104,500 in scholarship funds to 61 students at 15 different colleges to help achieve their education goals.

Through various fundraising efforts and activities, the MCA is proud to be able to assist students in pursuing their educational goals in the construction industry. MCA is proud to be a supporter of the next generation of industry leaders!



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