

CONSTRUCTION VIEWS

— FALL —

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8TH ANNUAL CLAY SHOOT

On September 17th, MCA hosted its 8th Annual Sporting Clay Event at the Minnesota Horse & Hunt Club. The event sold out within hours and successfully raised funds to support scholarships for students pursuing careers in construction.

The MCA Clay Shoot has become one of the most anticipated events in the construction

community—a place where professionals come together to network, build new connections, and foster lasting friendships. This year's event was a true celebration of community, bringing together over 200 shooters, volunteers, and supporters for a day filled with camaraderie and friendly competition.

1ST PLACE TEAM – AVERAGE SCORE OF 61.4:

- **Jake Boerboon**, Kraus-Anderson
- **Mike Phillips**, Kraus-Anderson
- **Amanda Meinholz**, Kraus-Anderson Insurance
- **Ryan Jordan**, Kraus-Anderson
- **Rich Jacobson**, Kraus-Anderson

TOP GUN AWARD:

- **Jake Boerboon**, Kraus-Anderson
Score of 74
- **Runner-up: Adam Alexander**, Rembco
Score of 73

SHOOTING BLANKS AWARD:

- **Taylor Therman**, Arthur Chapman
Score of 8

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

John Petersen
Ryan Companies US, Inc.

Greetings MCA members and industry friends,

Fall is here in Minnesota! And with it comes chilly mornings, changing leaves, and a season filled with both hard work and opportunities to connect. Just as many of us look forward to fall activities, whether it's football games, bonfires, apple orchards, or hunting trips, this is also a season of momentum for MCA.

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for our sold-out **Annual Clay Shoot!** It was incredible to see such strong participation, enjoy some friendly competition, and connect with so many of you. Your support makes these events a success, and it was a great reminder of the camaraderie that makes MCA special. Please join us again on October 21, 2026, at the Minnesota Horse & Hunt Club for another fun event!

Looking ahead, we have an exciting lineup of events this fall. From networking opportunities to professional development sessions, there are plenty of chances to get involved, strengthen relationships, and continue growing as an industry community. Be sure to check the **MCA calendar** and register early so you don't miss out.

Our next event is one of our signature gatherings: the **MCA Annual Social at Pints & Paddle**. This is always a highlight of our calendar, bringing members together to celebrate, network, and strengthen the bonds that make our community unique. I encourage you to **register now** and join us for an afternoon of pickleball courts, cornhole, and a delicious Italian buffet!

Finally, I'd like to recognize and congratulate all of our members celebrating anniversaries this year. Your continued commitment helps drive the success of MCA, and we're grateful for your dedication to both the association and our industry.

Thank you for being an active part of MCA. I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Social and other upcoming events as we finish out the year strong.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 8

12th Annual Social

NOVEMBER 12

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Awards of Excellence



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SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT YEAR'S CLAY SHOOT:
OCTOBER 21, 2026!

— Fun at this Year's Clay Shoot! —

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STUDENT MEMBER:

- **MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO**
Noah Hiniker

2025 MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES — CONGRATULATIONS!

Celebrate with us at our **12th Annual Social** on Wednesday, October 8!

25 YEARS

- Empirehouse, Inc.
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20 YEARS

- INSPEC, Inc.
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10 YEARS

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2026 Awards of Excellence

JANUARY 28, 2026 | 5:00 – 8:30 PM | MINNEAPOLIS MARRIOTT WEST

You're invited to a night of celebration! The [MCA Awards of Excellence Gala](#) is a hallmark event in the construction industry where we honor outstanding achievements and remarkable projects within our community. Join us as we applaud the dedication, hard work, and excellence that have defined the best of the best. **The deadline to register is January 9, 2026.**



REGISTER NOW



PROJECT EXCELLENCE AWARDS



Project Categories:

- New Project Total Value Under \$15 Million
- New Project Total Value Between \$15 Million and \$50 Million
- New Project Total Value Over \$50 Million
- Renovation, Expansion or Tenant Improvement Project
- Publicly Funded Construction Project
- Research, Innovation or Use of Technology
- Subcontractor/Specialty Contractor Project

Don't let your projects go unnoticed! Nominate them for our [Project Excellence Awards](#) and let the construction community see the outstanding work that defines your company.

- >> [Click here](#) to start your nomination!
- >> The deadline to nominate projects is December 5, 2025.



Mr. Nomination: Thank you for taking the time to sit down with me to answer a few questions about the [2026 Awards of Excellence Gala!](#)

Ms. Awards: Of course! I'm happy to be here and am excited to see the amazing nominations coming in this year.

Mr. Nomination: Let's get started, shall we? First of all, when is the gala?

Ms. Awards: The gala will be held on January 28, 2026, at the Minneapolis Marriott West. We look forward to our exciting event with dinner, drinks, famous cheesecake dessert, awards ceremony, and networking.

Mr. Nomination: I haven't submitted a project before but would like to this year. How do I submit a project?

Ms. Awards: All projects can be submitted at mca.awardsplatform.com. There are many categories to choose from and there's no limit to the number of entries you can submit! You can save your work anytime and come back to complete it as long as you submit by the deadline: December 5th. Early bird pricing for submissions ends on November 14th!

Mr. Nomination: Are there any new categories this year?

Ms. Awards: Yes! We now have "New Project Total Value Between \$15 Million and \$50 Million".

Mr. Nomination: I have attended numerous MCA events in the past and would like to further engage through sponsorship and volunteering. How can I learn about these opportunities?

Ms. Awards: Thank you for offering additional support! Look out for our emails or visit the [MCA website](#) to learn about sponsorship opportunities. We welcome volunteers to support our various networking, education, and recognition events. You can email us at info@mnconstruction.org.

Mr. Nomination: Will do! When can I register to attend the gala?

Ms. Awards: Great news, you can register now on the [MCA website](#)! Don't miss the early bird rates now through January 10th. We've sold out in the past so don't wait to register!

Mr. Nomination: I'm a new MCA member and have not attended previous galas. Why should I attend?

Ms. Awards: Great question! Our members rave about our annual gala as a way to connect and celebrate our industry and members' successes! Our gala is a fun environment filled with networking, recognition, and celebration! Many attendees have so much fun that they continue the celebration at Kip's Irish Pub (located onsite) afterwards.

Mr. Nomination: I've attended the gala for multiple years and have a few ideas for future events. How do I share my ideas?

Ms. Awards: We welcome feedback! Please contact one of our board members or [contact us here](#).



12TH ANNUAL SOCIAL

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

4:00 – 6:30 PM | Pints & Paddle in Maple Grove

Get ready for a fun afternoon of pickleball, cornhole, delicious food, and fantastic company at Pints & Paddle! We've reserved two pickleball courts, so bring your athletic clothes and shoes! Each attendee will get a \$10 prepaid tap wall card to enjoy a drink of their choice. An Italian buffet will be served, featuring Macaroni Bolognese, Filet Mignon Sliders, a Meat and Cheese Platter, Bruschetta, and a fresh Garden Salad. Mix and mingle with industry friends, compete in the games, and help us celebrate MCA members hitting milestone anniversaries!



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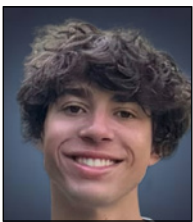


ANDY PODMOLIK

*Benefits Advisor,
Kraus-Anderson Insurance*

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the 2025-2026 recipients of the MCA Annual Scholarship! We're grateful to have these young professionals involved in our organization! We look forward to their continued growth and contributions to the construction industry.



ANTHONY ALIOTO

I will be graduating in the spring of 2026 from Minnesota State University – Mankato with a bachelor's degree in construction

management. Over the last few years, I have completed four various construction internships to help me better understand the built environment. Moving forward, I hope to use all the skills I've gained from MNSU and my internships to do something within the realm of "Virtual Design Construction". I would also like to give thanks to all my professors, mentors, and peers that I have learned from these last few years and will be striving to constantly be improving my knowledge in construction as well as looking for new ways to incorporate technology into our industry. Thanks to the MCA for this award and I will try to make the most of it!

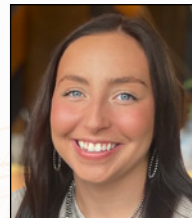


BRADY BRAUN

I am currently completing my final year at the University of North Dakota and will graduate this spring with a degree in Civil

Engineering. For the past two years, I have had the opportunity to intern with Rachel Contracting, gaining valuable experience in the construction industry. I plan to take

the FE exam this fall and begin working full-time as I work toward earning my Professional Engineer license. My goal is to continue building my career in Minnesota's construction industry and eventually grow into a project management role. I am sincerely grateful for this scholarship and the support it has provided as I pursue my education and professional development in this field.



ABIGAIL BRISTOW

I am a senior at South Dakota State University pursuing a degree in Construction Management. Over the past three years, I have gained hands-on industry

experience as an engineering intern with Pinpoint Corporation in Brookings, South Dakota, where I've been involved in project management, construction administration, and project consulting and financing. After graduation, I plan to accept a full-time position with Pinpoint. My long-term goal is to build a career in Northern Minnesota, contributing to rural development and supporting the infrastructure needs of the region. I am thankful for the opportunities this scholarship has provided for my family and me!



AYDEN FROESCHLE

I will be graduating from Dakota County Technical College in December 2025 pursuing my degree in Electrical Construction

and Maintenance. I have been working for two organizations in the Hudson, WI area and plan to work as an Electrician post graduation. I am very thankful for this scholarship and the opportunity it has provided me in order to finish my field of study at DCTC.



ELANA HANSON

I am currently in my second year at Minnesota State Community and Technical College, where I am pursuing a degree in Architectural Drafting and Design. I

plan to pursue a career in architecture and construction. I aim to gain practical experience by working with an established architectural firm where I can apply my skills in drafting and design while learning from seasoned professionals. In the long term, I aspire to further my education by obtaining an associate's degree in construction management. Additionally, I'm eager to get involved in community projects that emphasize responsible and creative use of space.



BRIAN IMHOLTE

This fall I will be completing my second and final year at St. Cloud Technical & Community College (SCTCC) in the Land Survey & Civil Engineering program. It's

a fantastic program with great instructors who go out of their way to help each and every student. This summer I was fortunate enough to work for Barr Engineering as a Civil Technician Intern with their water resources

division. They have a truly innovative organizational structure and they work with a wide variety of stakeholders. I am grateful to my instructors, Barr, and MCA for all of the support I've received so far. After graduation in the spring, I hope to start working towards licensure as a land surveyor in Minnesota where I can combine all of my passions into one career.



DONAVON OHMS

I am a senior at the University of Minnesota, pursuing a degree in construction management. I have had the opportunity to intern with Knutson Construction

this past summer as a project engineer intern. I got a chance to work on-site every day and help the project team with many activities. Most interesting for me has been the coordination and planning effort that is required on hospital projects. I specifically worked on two hospitals' EDs, and each required intensive planning to ensure the patients could be prioritized at all times. Following my graduation in May, I intend to continue learning and growing within the construction industry in Minnesota. I plan to work to become a successful commercial project manager and hope to get an opportunity to continue to work within the healthcare sector.



ASHKAN KAFTOOSIAN

I am currently in my second year at Saint Paul College of Trade and Technical, pursuing a degree in Automotive Service Technician. I have some experience in industrial

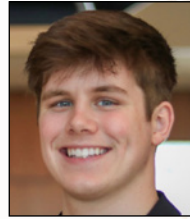
management, and after graduation, I plan to start my own automotive repair and service company in Minnesota. I hope to work with fleets from industrial and construction companies.



ISABELLE SNYDER

I am currently a senior at North Dakota State University pursuing my B.S. in Construction Management. I have completed two

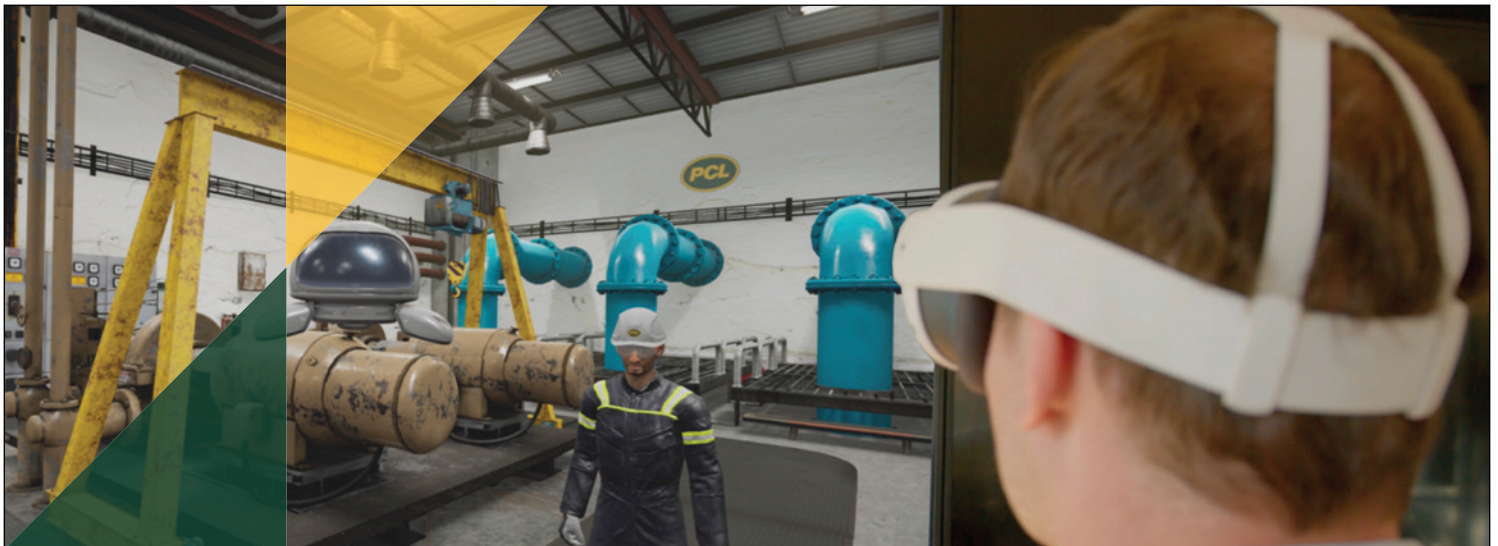
internships with Gehrtz Construction Services and one with McGough Construction in the Fargo-Moorhead area. I will be continuing with McGough during the school year. After I graduate, I hope to work in commercial construction and hopefully be employed in Minnesota one day, as I have great appreciation for the Minnesota landscape. I am very honored and grateful for having received this scholarship. I will continue to work hard in my last year of studies to improve my knowledge and to prepare well for my next endeavors.



GRANT WARKENTHIEN

I am heading into my senior year in the Construction Management program at Minnesota State University, Moorhead. I have interned at

Construction Engineers in Fargo, ND, for the past two summers and hope to work full-time with them following graduation as an estimator or field engineer. I am the current president of the Construction Management Society at MSUM and I hope to leave a meaningful, professional impact on the students, and prepare them as well as myself for the future of our industry.



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Laketown Electric Corporation

Walmart Distribution Center – Mankato, MN

Completion Date:
Winter 2026

[Laketown Electric Corporation](#) partnered with Knobelsdorff on the expansion of the Walmart Distribution Center in Mankato, MN, which is being managed by Pike Construction Services. LEC's \$41 million scope consists of interior electrical services on the new 660,000 SF building and existing remodeled building, while KE is performing medium voltage, temporary electrical, sitework and more across the 150-acre site.

This is the largest project currently being constructed in southern Minnesota. The expansion will nearly double the facility's size to over 1 million SF, making it one of Walmart's largest distribution centers, and adds a new non-perishable food handling section, integrating state-of-the-art technology and automation to enhance speed and capacity. The construction on Walmart's Mankato distribution center project began over a year ago. Crews recently celebrated the halfway mark ahead of schedule with the topping out ceremony. ■



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