Summer 2019

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January

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Feb 19

BOD met Delegate Roem, Senator McPike, Delegate Hugo,

July 15

HCCA & S.W. Rodgers sat on a panel hosted by Opportunity

discussed the rising needs for trades' w orkers – emphasizing Heavy Equipment Operators. The HCCA applauds Governor Northam's Fast Forw ard Funding w hich allow s students to receive financial aid for trades programs.

June

HCCA met VDOT, Speaker Cox, VCCS and promoted the Heavy Equipment Operator program through the Virginia Community College System.

Aug 1

HCCA met w ith Donna Colombo, head of the Virginia PTA to discuss outlets for promoting the heavy equipment operator program and how to increase aw areness of construction careers to young people and their parents.

Transportation Chair, Delegate Yancey, Delegate LaRock, Senator Carrico, Delegate Filler-Corn, Senator Boysko and continued to talk about the needs for a grow ing w orkforce.

Aug 28

HCCA Will meet w ith the Secretary of Education to discuss the needs for trades counselors in high schools. At this point, there are limited resources and exposure to trades in high schools, so HCCA hopes the public school systems can incorporate an individual that w ill guide non-college bound students to trades' programs and jobs.

America - a Washington think tank promoting economic mobility – w ork, skills, careers, ow nership and entrepreneurship for poor and w orking Americans. Opportunity America partnered w ith Senator Kaine's office to promote legislation that w ould make Pell Grants available to students taking certificate programs through community colleges. Currently, Federal Pell Grants are only available for students in for-credit programs w ith curriculums exceeding 600 hours. The proposed legislation w ould allow students to use Federal Pell Grants tow ard earning certificates, w ith a minimum instruction time of 150 hours. This change w ould allow most trades courses (Ex. HEO Program) to qualify for a Pell Grant.HCCA discussed the HEO program's successes and grow th w hile Jason Miller of SW Rodgers shared his personal experience of using Fast Forw ard funding to complete the credential program and receive the guaranteed interview w hich led him to his current position – operating a rubber tire loader.

Workforce Development

The Heavy Equipment Operator program which began at Lord Fairfax Community College has since expanded to Germanna Community College and Piedmont Virginia Community College. These schools partnered to put course work online, so a student can take the course anywhere and then reserve 80 hours of simulator time at any accessible campus to earn the NCCER certification.

Feb 1 - Doughnuts with the Trades at Osbourn High School was a success! The goal is to create conversations between industry and trades students – chatting over doughnuts and coffee. HCCA was represented by 12 companies and spoke to a number of Career & Technical Education students about career paths and possibilities in the construction industry.

Apr 9 - HCCA had great representation at the Prince William County Schools career fair. Hundreds of graduating seniors were eager to speak to our companies about career opportunities in construction.

May 15- The LFCC Board presented Medallions of Recognition to five individuals who have contributed in a variety of ways to LFCC's mission. One

May 22 - Over 15 HCCA companies participated in the first ever Construction Job Fair held by the Northern Virginia

of which is Kenneth Garrison Jr., executive director of the Heavy Construction Contractors Association. He and the HCCA played a vital role as LFCC established and then expanded the heavy equipment operator credentialed program.

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Several people were hired on the spot. HCCA continues to work with the NVHCC to improve job fairs like this one and provide bilingual resources for construction crews in the future.

High School Signing Day

June 15
Lord Fairfax, Prince William County Schools, Fauquier County Schools, and HCCA held a signing day ceremony to celebrate the first ever Heavy Equipment Operator class comprised solely of high school seniors. All job seekers were hired. HCCA and LFCC were very proud to link high school students directly to high paying and rewarding careers in construction.

See Press Release Here

Lunch & Learn - Opioid Crisis

On January 29, Superior Paving Corp. hosted an HCCA Lunch and Learn regarding the Virginia Opioid Crisis. The purpose w as to prepare the HCCA membership to understand the issue as it affects employment from a Medical, Human Resources, and Insurance Perspective. The panel: Jack Groseclose - Assurance, Martha Pauley - Superior Paving Corp., and Kate Driscoll Malliarakis, PhD - George Washington University School of Nursing.

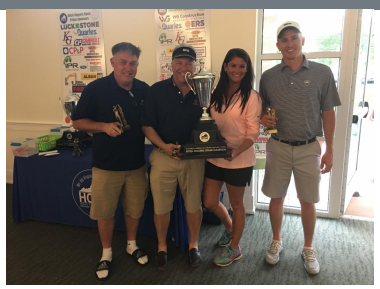
HCCA Active

Ditch Diggers Dash 5K

We had a rainy start to the 4th annual Ditch Diggers Dash at 2Silos Brew ing Co. in Manassas. Roughly 200 runners attended and ran the charitable 5K and Discovery Junction Children's Museum – a non-profit seeking to bring a Children's Museum to Prince William County - w ill soon receive their donation.

Spring Clay Pigeon Shoot

HCCA w as at Shady Grove Sporting Clays in April for our Spring Clay Pigeon Shoot Tournament. Ricky Brow n took first place, w ith William A. Hazel taking both second and third. Glenn Tharp w ith Ricky Brow n earned High Gun and Long Run.



Ditch Diggers Open

Tw in Lakes Golf Course w as buzzing w ith fun on May 13. Nearly 270 golfers competed for the trophy at the Ditch Diggers Open. Congratulations to Fortiline and Anderson Company on their w ins.

Washington Business Journal 40 Under 40

HCCA President and President of WG Construction, David Yergin-Doniger was honored as one of Washington Business Journal's 40 Under 40!

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Dinner Meetings

Workforce the Next Generation:
At the January dinner meeting, we honored outgoing board members, recognized the heavy equipment operator program instructors, and thanked them both for their contributions to the industry.
The panel of speakers represented training, community, and employment agencies and featured the VA Chief Workforce Development Adviser, Megan Healy.

Safety & Infrastructure Awards:
Many companies received safety awards based on their company size (man hours worked and miles driven) and OSHA 300 log. Others received infrastructure awards categorized by job cost for exceptionally unique or challenging projects. This meeting had record attendance – 154 registrants! Congratulations to all the companies who won awards.

HLI Graduation &
Sidney R. Johnston Memorial Trust Scholarships

The last dinner meeting of the season had many major celebrations. Lewis Lee was awarded a Lifetime Membership, Superior Paving was awarded the team winner of the Ditch Diggers Dash, and two children of William A. Hazel employees were awarded scholarships. Nicholas Palatt and Rhiannon Miller are both attending UVA.

Community Service Project - SkillsUSA

The annual HCCA Community Service Project is well underway – this year in Loudoun County at SkillsUSA. HCCA companies provided site development services including concrete removal, erosion control, drainage system installation, conduit installation, and site excavation and stabilization which prepared students of SkillsUSA to build an amphitheater. HCCA will then come back with a sod donation, all to be celebrated at a ribbon cutting on September 21.

Upcoming Events:

Presidents' Cup Golf Tournament

September 13, 2019
Registration: 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start: 9:00 a.m.

Twin Lakes Golf Course
6201 Union Mill Road, Clifton, VA 20124

Heavy Equipment Operator Open House

September 5, 2019
4:00PM - 6:00PM
Lord Fairfax CC - Middletown
173 Skirmisher Ln, Middletown, VA 22645

Celebration of Community Service/Dinner Meeting

September 18, 2019
5:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
Chantilly National Golf & Country Club
14901 Braddock Road, Chantilly, VA 20120

Champions Circle Dedication

September 21, 2019
SkillsUSA
14001 Skillsusa Way, Leesburg, VA 20176

Heavy Equipment Operator Open House

September 29, 2019
4:00PM - 6:00PM
Germanna Community College
1325 Central Park Blvd, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Conversation with NVTA/Dinner Meeting

October 16, 2019
5:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
Chantilly National Golf & Country Club
14901 Braddock Road, Chantilly, VA 20120

Clay Pigeon Shoot Tournament

October 19, 2019
Registration: 8:00 a.m. Tournament begins: 9:00 a.m.
Shady Grove Sporting Clays
11781 Lucky Hill Road, Remington VA 22734

Dinner Meeting

November 13, 2019
5:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
Chantilly National Golf & Country Club
14901 Braddock Road, Chantilly, VA 20120

Holiday Party

December 6, 2019
6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Hilton Washington - Dulles
13869 Park Center Road, Herndon, VA 20171