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# Chapter News

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## Concrete In the Steel City

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## 2016 Annual Awards Banquet Recap

The Annual Awards Banquet was held April 9th at the Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens.

**Congratulations to our Founders Award winners!**

Each recipient accepted their award from our President Andy Lawrence.

# Congratulations!

**Scott Sachs** (\$3,000)  
*University of Pitt*



**Peter Hatala** (\$2,000)  
*University of Pitt*



**Scott Overacker** (\$2,000)  
*University of Pitt*



**Caleb Krauter** (Merit Award)  
*PSU – Harrisburg*



## Thank You!

Thank you to the 2016-2017 Board  
for all of their efforts.

## 2016-2017 Election Ballot Results

### Vice President

**Matt Manning**, *J.J. Kennedy, Inc.*

### Newly Elected Board of Directors

Ronson Mazany, *Lafarge/Holcim*

Carly McGee, *KTA-Tator, Inc.*

Dave Thomas, *Golden Triangle*

### Nominating Committee

Christian Bononi, *Lafarge/Holcim*

Dave Bryan, *Concrete Concepts, Inc.*

Tom Bryan, *Bryan Materials Group*

George Wargo, *Construction Engineering Consultants*

Eric Wetzel, *BASF*



# Fiber Reinforced Concrete ~ Winning Project ~

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jessica Viehman, for her "Can Eco Friendly Concrete Be Viable" winning project at the Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair on April 2, 2016 at Heinz Field. Jessica is an 11th grade student at Bethel Park High School.



Jessica Viehman with her Eco Friendly Concrete project.

This student award was sponsored by the ACI Pittsburgh Area Chapter. The Science Fair's mission is to connect our young scientists and engineers with professionals in the fields. More than 1,100 students in grades 6-12 participated this year making the event a great success!

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2016 ~ 2017

**Andy Lawrence**  
JC Lee Construction Company  
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### Tink Bryan Award



Chuck Niederriter - Tink Bryan Award Winner



Past Tink Bryan Winners



## 2016 Annual Awards Banquet Recap *Continued ...*

The **President's Recognition Award** was presented to **Andy Lawrence** by Matt Manning



### *1st Annual* **Excellence in Concrete Project Award**

This year our Chapter introduced the “Excellence in Concrete Project Award.” We received a total of four award entries. All projects were reviewed by our Board of Directors and judged on the following criteria:

- Engineering/Architecture
- Creativity/Ingenuity
- Innovation in Construction and Materials
- Functionality/End Use Sustainability

We were pleased to present this award to PJ Dick for the East Liberty Transit Garage project that was completed in September 2015. Our Chapter has now submitted the project to ACI International as an entry in their Concrete Construction Awards Program. All projects will be evaluated by an expert panel of 5 judges. Winners will be notified in August of 2016.



**Bill Porter of PJ Dick accepting Excellence Award**





## Job Openings

### ■ CONCRETE FIELD TECHNICIAN

Powers Engineering & Construction Testing, is seeking field technicians for construction materials testing and inspection work. Our field technicians observe contractors on construction sites and perform basic soils, concrete, asphalt and masonry tests to ensure that testing, sampling, and inspections comply with drawings, specifications and applicable industry standards.

The ideal candidate must:

- Be able to interpret project plans, drawings and specifications, anticipate construction issues and recommend solutions.
- Provide written documentation of construction observations and materials.
- Maintain accurate construction records.
- Have good math, written and oral communication skills.
- Be able to manage own time with little supervision.

Prior experience is a plus but not necessary. Preferred if candidates have concrete (PennDot and ACI) or asphalt (PennDot) certifications but also not necessary.

**If interested, email your resume to [dpowers@p-ect.com](mailto:dpowers@p-ect.com) or call Mr. Dan Powers, PE at (412) 609-4279.**

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### **ARDEX is immediately hiring across the U.S.**

To view and apply for vacancies, go to [www.ArdexAmericas.com](http://www.ArdexAmericas.com), or contact ARDEX Recruitment & Employee Development Manager, [Kathryn.Gardner@ArdexAmericas.com](mailto:Kathryn.Gardner@ArdexAmericas.com), Phone 724-203-8251.

### **Immediately hiring for:**

- **Marketing Communications Manager, ARDEX**  
*Corporate offices in Center Township, PA*

- **National Accounts Manager, Adhesives, ARDEX**  
*Corporate offices in Center Township, PA*
- **Architectural Specialist, New York**
- **Field Sales Professionals** *in New York, Dallas, Los Angeles, Chicago and Miami*
- **Technical Field Representatives, Dallas & Atlanta**

### ■ TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER

#### **Position Summary Description:**

*(Primary responsibilities)*

- Provide proactive consultation to cement customers in the areas of product performance, mix optimizations, best practices, technical information research, troubleshooting, and technical training
- Perform as liaison between sales and production on plant quality teams
- Proactively participate in promotion efforts relating to cement based and related products
- Proactive involvement in technical organizations such as the American Concrete Institute (ACI) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) as well as various ready-mix concrete organizations with emphasis at the local or regional level

**Related Industry/Job Experience:** *(Number of years experience in industry/job)*

Minimum of 3 years experience as Quality Assurance / Quality Control Manager, Technical Services Engineer or Certified Concrete Technologist in the building materials industries (cement, concrete, admixtures, concrete or masonry construction)

#### **Educational Requirements:**

Minimum of Associate degree in Concrete Technology, Civil Engineering, Structural Engineering or Materials Engineering

OR a minimum of 10 years in concrete and concrete products quality control

#### **Please contact CEMEX:**

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2. For library access, please call in advance at 412.624.9879.
3. The ACI Chapter Library has many publications available. Pay-per-page copy machines are available in the lower level of the building. Note that some publications are available only on CD-ROM, so consider bringing a portable computer with the ability to print to a pdf file.
4. A desk and table are available in the library room.
5. Most materials can be borrowed for a duration of up to two weeks. Periods longer than two weeks must be arranged in advance.
6. The Manual of Concrete Practice (paper volumes and CD-ROM) shall not be removed from the building.
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8. Coffee, soft drinks, and food items are available for purchase in the café located in the lower level of the building. Please keep the library clean!

## *A bit of Nostalgia...*



This 1926 Ad from the old Otego NY Rural Times promoted the use of concrete on dairy farms.

*(Submitted by one of our members.)*

## Pittsburgh Area Chapter Upcoming Events



ACI GOLF OUTING

**Monday ~ July 25, 2016**

Quicksilver Golf Club

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upcoming events at  
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