

## The 2023 PACA Emerging Leaders Academy Graduates

The Pennsylvania Aggregates and Concrete Association (PACA) announced its third graduated class of Emerging Leaders Academy (PELA) participants. Selected by the PELA Board of Trustees, participants engaged in a 10-month program consisting of both online and in-person educational sessions and networking opportunities aimed at elevating potential leaders in the aggregates, concrete, and cement industries. Class members had the opportunity to meet key industry and legislative leaders throughout the commonwealth, tour member company plants and facilities, participate in media



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training, and learn valuable leadership and life skills they can now bring back to their respective companies and peers.

The 2023 PELA graduates are Tyler Brubaker, Kevin Claycomb, Madison Kistler, and Adrian Snyder, New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc.; Lou Bruzda, Murrys ville Machinery, LLC;

Dylan Chase and Zachary Creech, Pennsy Supply, Inc., a CRH company; Mike Hopkins, R-E-D Industrial, Inc.; Chris Imbrogno, Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc.; Tim Ingram, Specialty Granules, Inc.; Jeremy Landowski, Conewago Ready Mix; Caleb Martz, Heidelberg Materials; Tonia Masciotti,

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H&K Group; Paul McAndrew, Masters RMC, Inc.; Bailey Mills, Mellott Company; Jordan Rodgers, Allegheny Mineral Corporation; Jim Seidle, EADS Group; Ben Welch, Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc.; and Daniel Yoder, Centre Concrete Company.

## Holcim U.S. Rebrands Chicago Operations

Holcim U.S. has brought its rebrand initiative back to Chicago, IL, USA, uniting legacy operations in the Greater Chicago Area. Former Lafarge operations in the Greater Chicago Area include aggregate sites in Joliet, Lemont, Romeoville, Summit, North Aurora, Algonquin, South Elgin, Elburn, McHenry, Sheridan, and Newark, as well as a slag cement grinding facility in South Chicago and cement terminals around Chicago. Holcim U.S. employs more than 400 people in the Greater Chicago Area. In March 2022, the corporate U.S. headquarters of Holcim, located in Chicago, was among the first worldwide to launch its rebrand, followed by subsequent regional transitions in operations throughout the East Coast, Mid-Atlantic, Mountain, and Southern United States.

## Inc. Business Media Recognizes Red Brick Consulting in the Power Partner Awards

Inc. Business Media announced that Red Brick Consulting, Inc. (Red Brick) was named in the second annual Power Partner Awards, honoring B2B organizations across the globe that have proven track records supporting entrepreneurs and helping businesses grow. Red Brick received top marks from clients for being instrumental in helping their leadership navigate the dynamic world of construction programming, planning, and execution.

The team at Red Brick supports their clients across various facets of the business, including managing the risks of the construction process, helping control the order and flow of the work, and working to ensure success. As a result of this effort, the Red Brick team is now delivering numerous projects across the United States and is helping support development firms, managing airport programs and construction, and working on dozens of commercial projects.

## Microsol Resources Partners with Eagle Point Software

Microsol Resources Corporation announced a partnership with Eagle Point Software, the creator of the Pinnacle Series learning management solution. Pinnacle Series is a comprehensive learning management solution designed for architectural, engineering, construction (AEC), and manufacturing professionals. It features a library of videos, documents, and development resources that facilitate long-term employee training, on-demand problem-solving, and digital transformation. This partnership leverages Microsol Resources' commitment to equipping AEC firms and practitioners with the right training and support to gain a competitive edge, and Eagle Point Software's ability to provide users with on-demand learning and advanced techniques to enhance their mastery of computer-aided design (CAD) and building information modeling (BIM) software.

## ALICE Technologies Partners with Kaizen Institute of America

ALICE Technologies and Kaizen Institute of America LLC (Project Management Division) announced their partnership, which will enable Kaizen Institute's project and construction

industry clients to optimize scheduling and provide ALICE Technologies with the opportunity to expand the reach of their construction optioneering platform. ALICE Technologies' platform helps general contractors and owners to leverage the power of generative artificial intelligence (AI) to plan, bid, and build their projects more efficiently. Kaizen Institute, a consulting firm focused on Lean/Continuous Improvement Project and Construction Management, is continuously improving by adapting technology and methodologies to help its clients execute best in class projects. Given the frequent problems that companies face with delivering capital projects on time, on budget, and with the desired operational outputs, the firm views the ALICE platform as essential to addressing the scheduling challenges that often drive these overages.

## Vulcan Materials Named One of America's Most Responsible Companies

Vulcan Materials Company, headquartered in Birmingham, AL, USA, was recently named as one of America's Most Responsible Companies 2024 by *Newsweek*. The company was also included in the American Opportunity Index, which measures how well large companies invest in their human talent to drive business performance and individual employee growth. The 2024 study of America's Most Responsible Companies was developed with a holistic view of corporate responsibility and sustainability. The evaluation criteria included corporate social responsibility quantitative data and overall reputation of the company. The American Opportunity Index methodology included an analysis of hiring, pay, promotion, fairness, and culture.