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Goodwill In The Community...

BAC/ADC of New Jersey Charity Golf Outing

Every year the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Union of New Jersey host an annual charity golf outing to benefit the Diabetes Foundation and the Joseph P. DiRenzo Scholarship Fund. BAC Locals 2, 4 and 5 in conjunction with the National Building Trades are honored to support Dollars Against Diabetes, DAD'S Day. The organization is dedicated to the needs of all diabetic communities throughout the nation. Through the Joseph P. DiRenzo Scholarship Fund, the Union awards scholarships to the children of the organization's membership.



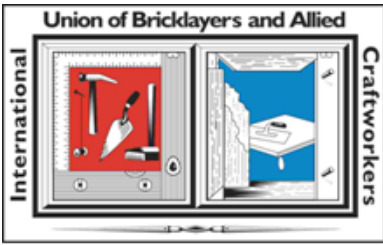
BAC/ADC of New Jersey Craftworkers Mentor Architectural Students In Masonry Design/Build Competition

This annual Masonry Design/Build Competition, sponsored by Masonry Contractors of New Jersey and co-sponsored by the BAC ADC of New Jersey Labor Management Fund, is held at NJIT College of Architecture and Design in Newark, NJ. Each year the architectural students are given the task to design a project (a Boys and Girls Club, a Montessori School, a Market Place, etc.) and then build, in only 2 days, a mock up of a critical masonry element.

Over 100 students, divided into eight teams, are required to research the site and explore various masonry materials using unit masonry as the primary building materials in their designs. Students then select one design from each team and collaborate with masonry craftworkers to complete the project design and order masonry materials. All masonry materials are donated by members of Masonry Contractors of New Jersey.

BAC/ADC craftworkers teach the students how to spread mortar and lay brick, as well as mentor them in proper installation techniques. By working directly with craftworkers, the students gain a better understanding of the masonry trade – a lesson we believe the students will remember throughout their careers. As a result of the dedication of the Association and the BACNJ Labor Management Fund's sponsorship of the program, the competition has become part of the second year architectural students' curriculum.

Masonry Contractors of New Jersey, headquartered in Bordentown, is a non-profit association of masonry businesses dedicated to promoting union masonry construction throughout the State of New Jersey. For more information, visit our website at www.mcofnj.org.



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Demanding An Equal Playing Field

No one who works hard every day and plays by the rules should be left behind in our economy. Part of our efforts on behalf of all BACNJ members is to demand our elected officials create an environment that enables us to compete on a level playing field. Although hiring undocumented workers is illegal, the law is rarely enforced. Three out of four foreigners that enter the United States do so illegally and half are paid under the table, so they don't pay taxes.

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Regardless of what changes we as a Union may make, we will never be able to compete with the rates of unskilled workers that illegally enter our country. Our country needs to break its addiction to cheap labor and products and realize that these things do come at a great cost. Decent wages paid to American citizens make our communities more prosperous because our consumer dollars help support local businesses and our tax dollars ensure good public safety and other services.

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