



CASF Executive Director Remy Mackowski (far left) administers the oath to 2022-23 Board of Directors members (l to r) Todd Ripley, Gary Arkin, Harley R. Miller, Riccardo Cinti, Fred Kaub, Randy Farmer, Alex Smith, Mindy Szarowicz, Gabe Williams and Jim Zupancic. Not pictured: Max Turner, Mike Fee, Justin Lord, Travis Serpas, Doug Wallace.

CASF swears in new President, honors long-term members

CASF has installed Harley R. Miller of Miller Construction Company as its new president. The installation was a part of the 72nd Annual CASF Membership Recognition Dinner, held June 29 at the Huizenga Pavilion of the Broward Performing Arts Center. Fittingly, Miller Construction completed a wholesale renovation of the Performing Arts Center that included the construction of the Huizenga Pavilion in 2014.

Harley has served on the CASF Board since 2018, although he has been involved in the organization directly and indirectly for nearly his entire life. Miller's father, Harley W., and his uncle, Tom, co-founders of Miller Construction, are both past presidents of CASF.

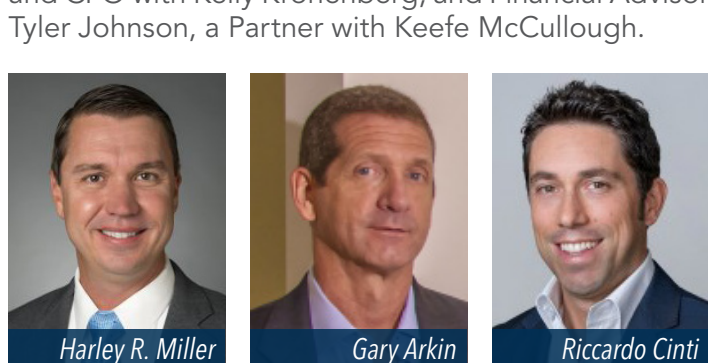
"Harley embodies the tradition and higher values that are at the core of CASF's mission," said CASF Executive Director Remy Mackowski. "There's no doubt he'll continue CASF's legacy of outstanding leadership provided by South Florida's construction community."

Harley's presidency officially began July 1, 2022 and will extend for a one-year term. As President of the CASF Board of Directors, he will also chair the 2022-23 CASF Executive Committee that includes Vice President **Max Turner** (Steel Fabricators), Treasurer **Travis Serpas** (MOSS), Secretary **Gary Arkin** (Premier Precast), Immediate Past President **Justin Lord** (Central Broward Construction) and Past President **Doug Wallace** (Stiles Construction).

In addition to installing Harley R. Miller as President and elevating Gary Arkin to CASF's officers' rotation, the organization welcomed a new member to its Board of Directors. **Riccardo Cinti**, Vice President & Co-Owner of Southeast Mechanical Contractors assumed the Board seat vacated by **Sid Miller**, President & CEO of Miller Glass & Glazing. The rest of the CASF Board is composed of:

- Randy Farmer** Key Account Manager, CEMEX
- Mike Fee** President, Lotspeich Co. of Florida
- Fred Kaub** Managing Partner, Universal Engineering
- Todd Ripley** Vice President, Estimating, Suffolk Construction
- Alex Smith** Vice President, Operations, Verdex
- Mindy Szarowicz** Director, Business Development, Baker Concrete Construction
- Gabe Williams** Senior Project Manager, Whiting-Turner
- Jim Zupancic** Operations Director, Balfour Beatty Construction

The CASF BOD also contains two non-voting advisors. They are Legal Advisor Heath Eskalyo, Principal Partner and CFO with Kelly Kronenberg, and Financial Advisor Tyler Johnson, a Partner with Keefe McCullough.



Connie and Scott Thompson (center) of Latite Roofing receive recognition for 55 years of continuous membership in CASF.

2022 Member Recognition Awardees

- 55 YEARS**
 - Latite Roofing & Sheet Metal Co.
- 45 YEARS**
 - Mowrey Elevator Company, Inc.
- 35 YEARS**
 - General Caulking & Coatings Company
- 30 YEARS**
 - Proietto Companies
 - Trans Coastal Construction Co.
- 25 YEARS**
 - Atlass Hardware Corporation
 - Cayman National Manufacturing
 - Fisk Electric Company
 - Sovereign Construction Services, Inc.
 - Universal Engineering Sciences
- 20 YEARS**
 - Diligent Services
 - Hypower
 - Kelley Kronenberg
 - Nolan Construction Company
 - Northwestern Mutual Financial
 - Sims Crane & Equipment Co.
 - The Circle Group
- 15 YEARS**
 - AA Advance Air, Inc.
 - ANF Group, Inc.
 - Lotspeich Company, Inc.
 - Norberto Rosenstein Architect, Inc
 - Port Consolidated, Inc.
 - Sunbelt Rentals
 - The Soto Law Group
- 10 YEARS**
 - Advanced Woodworking
 - Douglas Orr Plumbing, Inc.
 - Mobile Modular
 - Moraca Builders, Inc.
 - Summers Fire Sprinklers, Inc.
 - The Weitz Company
- 5 YEARS**
 - Craft Construction Company
 - Fire Controls Inc.
 - First Citizens Bank
 - Florida Civil, Inc.
 - Florida Lemark Corporation
 - G-Force Waterproofing & Restoration
 - Jaffer Well Drilling
 - Jezerinac Group
 - McMaster Concrete Products
 - Mill Creek Residential
 - Niroc Consultants Inc.
 - Summa Construction, Inc.
 - Templeton & Company
 - USA Equipment Solutions
 - W.G. Yates Construction Co.

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CASF Presents scholarships to construction students at three Universities

The CASF Foundation continues to advance its mission of promoting careers in construction by announcing five scholarship awardees at three different Florida universities. The five recipients of the CASF scholarships are all in construction studies at University of Florida (UF), Florida International University (FIU) and Everglades University (EU).

At FIU, Miami native Allyson Almendarez was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship for tuition and books toward her degree in Construction Management. Almendarez is a full-time student who is also interning at the Miami Signature Bridge project, an Archer Western-de Moya joint venture. Almendarez is a senior on track to graduate this Fall.

"I applied to this scholarship due to financial need, and I'm so fortunate to have received it because it significantly helped pay my tuition," Almendarez said. "I am forever indebted to the Construction Association of South Florida. It's moments like these that motivate me to do better for my educational and professional growth."

One of CASF's objectives for its scholarship awardees is that they pursue a career in South Florida. With that in mind, in 2021, the CASF Foundation gifted Everglades University \$60,000 to establish a permanent scholarship endowment at the Palm Beach-based university. This year, the endowment enabled two Everglades students to receive scholarships. Both are working full-time while finishing their degrees. Both are also single mothers who applied out of financial need to finish their construction degrees.

"This scholarship will help turn my dream into a reality," said Lynette McCray. "I am a single parent of three and have been in construction, working in the field, for the past 15 years. This opportunity helps myself and my family

to always have self-belief and know that hard work will earn success. Thank you for your thoughtful and generous gift."

McCray's words were echoed by fellow scholarship awardee, Deeandra Mitchell: "I began my career as a laborer on construction sites. The site foreman noticed my eagerness to work and encouraged me to obtain an education in construction. Earning my degree, with the continued experience I'm obtaining, my goal is to become a construction contractor in South Florida and contribute to the green movement. Thank you, I'm truly honored and grateful!"

In addition to the two scholarships awarded at Everglades, a CASF endowment at UF provided two of that university's students with scholarships. CASF has been awarding construction scholarships at UF for 20 years, and they are awarded per semester. The Fall 2021 recipient was Joshua Mendieta. The Spring 2022 recipient was Nicholas Herrera.

To be eligible for the CASF scholarship, students at UF, FIU and EU submit an extensive application along with a mandatory essay outlining each applicant's plans for their career in the construction industry. The respective construction schools vet the applications and select awardees. Scholarship range from \$1K to \$2K each and are intended primarily for tuition and books.

"These scholarships can really make a difference in student's lives, many of whom struggle financially to stay in school to finish their degrees," said Dr. Jose Faria, the Endowed Chair at the FIU Moss School of Construction. "I'm grateful for CASF's contribution and look forward to the continued growth of our

partnership so that more and more of our graduates can find permanent opportunities in South Florida's construction industry."



Allyson Almendarez



Lynette McCray



Deeandra Mitchell

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



NOMINATIONS DUE BY **JULY 31, 2022**

2022 CASF CRAFTSMANSHIP AWARDS

NOVEMBER 17, 2022

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SUFFOLK NETWORKING BREAKFAST

Wednesday, August 3, 2022

Wyndham Boca Raton

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SUMMER NETWORKING SOCIAL

Thursday, July 28, 2022

Cerveceria La Tropical

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CIGAR AND WHISKEY PAIRING EVENT

Thursday, August 25, 2022

The Davidoff Cigar Bar at Hard Rock Hotel

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CASF 2022 BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

Bowlero Boca Raton

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Ocean Reef Club Key Largo

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