



## Higher Education Liaison Committee

Invites you to join us for:

### Student Constructor Awareness Night (SCAN)

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

VisTaTech Center, Schoolcraft College, Livonia

SCAN is an annual event designed to expose students to the construction industry and the issues they face once employed. **SCAN is not a job fair; it is an educational event!** Your participation allows for meaningful interaction between students and industry professionals.

The evening begins with registration and time to network. Dinner follows with students and contractors seated together allowing for continued networking.

Following dinner, we move into the program which will focus on communication skills, as they continue to be one of the hottest topics in the workplace. The program, entitled "Plays Well with Others: Developing Effective Oral Communication Skills," will feature a panel of industry professionals sharing their experiences and lessons learned.

To allow for additional networking, we will continue to offer the "speed networking" session following the panel discussion.

In conjunction with SCAN, we will hold the Annual Educators forum from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The forum is open to all contractors and university representatives. This forum allows for meaningful discussion about programs offered to prepare students for their role in the industry. AGC Student Chapter representatives will also provide an update on their activities.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this annual event.

Registration fee: \$15/member or student.

Registration deadline: Tuesday, September 28, 2011.

*Sponsorship opportunities are still available.*

To register, sponsor, or for more information please e-mail Viki Gotts at [vgotts@agcmichigan.org](mailto:vgotts@agcmichigan.org) or call 248-721-0075.

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3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Annual Educators Forum
5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Registration and Networking
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Networking Dinner
6:30 p.m. – 6:40 p.m.	Welcome <i>Tim O'Brien, O'Brien Construction</i>
6:40 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.	Break to Change Seats
6:45 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.	Panel discussion

#### **Plays Well With Others: Developing Effective Oral Communication Skills**

*Joe Blanchette, Jr., Project Manager, Barton Malow Company  
Jon Davenport, Estimator and Vice President, Davenport Masonry  
Kristen Voikos, Training & Development Specialist, Walbridge*

7:20 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Speed Networking
8:00 p.m. - 8:10 p.m.	Wrap-up

The following suggestions will help to facilitate discussion throughout the evening:

Students - Ask contractors to share information on their position and responsibilities, career progression, size of company and type of projects. Ask what traits, skills, talents can lead to other roles in the company. In addition to cover the evening's topic, ask what they have found helps them when communicating and the best means to do it.

Contractors - Ask why the student picked construction management or civil engineering as a career and what they think they will receive from it. Encourage the students to ask other questions. Talk about various positions within the company – not specifically the title, but the role and responsibility of each member of the team. Also to cover the evening's topic, discuss the value of face to face communications.