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## **ABC and GCI name S.T.E.P. Safety Award Winners**

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Woburn, MA Associated Builders and Contractors of Mass. (ABC MA) and the Gould Construction Institute (GCI), ABC's training affiliate, honored this year's Safety, Training, and Evaluation Process (S.T.E.P.) award recipients at the 14th Annual ABC/GCI Safety & Education Dinner held on May 17 at the Burlington Marriott.

The Safety & Education Dinner is ABC/GCI's premier event, celebrating our member companies' commitment to worker safety and training, the talented instructors dedicated to providing construction and safety training to the next generation of industry leaders, and the students working long hours during the day and attending classes at night to improve their knowledge and skills. "This is a night to recognize our students and their employers who continue to raise the standards of safety, training, and education in the construction industry," said GCI president Barbara Lagergren.

The S.T.E.P. Awards were the highlight of the evening. This year, 58 ABC member companies were recognized for their outstanding commitment to jobsite safety.

S.T.E.P. is a national ABC program that provides safety benchmarking and improvement tools that has been shown to dramatically improve safety performance among participating companies. Established in 1969, S.T.E.P. was developed and written by contractors, for contractors. Companies measure their safety performance and policies through a review of 20 key components with a goal of enhancing safety programs and reducing jobsite incident rates.

The evening also recognized some 20 graduating students in attendance, as well as the more than 30 dedicated GCI instructors who were present. In addition, three ABC Building Our Future Scholarships were presented. Samuel Escobar, an employee of ABC MA member Tenant Systems, Inc. who is entering Fitchburg State University this fall, attended the event and received a \$2,500 scholarship. Scholarships also were awarded to Adam Huske and Marcelo Peres, both students at Wentworth Institute of Technology.

Henry Mustin from Mechanical Management, Inc. was recognized with the "Head of the Class" Award, presented in conjunction with Malco Products, which honors an outstanding HVAC student. Also recognized was Tyler Magri, a world-class pipefitter from Notch Mechanical Constructors, who represented ABC MA and GCI at the recent National ABC Craft Champions Competition in Long Beach, CA.

This year's event had added significance as it was the last awards night for Barbara Lagergren, who

is retiring at the end of this year. While attendees saw a video presentation of photos of her 32 years with GCI and ABC, GCI board chairman Tom Blesso (Erland Construction, Inc.) and ABC MA president Greg Beeman commented on her remarkable career. "The Gould Construction Institute has become the state's premier construction training resource. This is the legacy of accomplishment that Barbara leaves, a legacy that she and all of us can be proud of," said Blesso. To a standing ovation, they presented Barbara with a rocking chair engraved with the ABC and GCI logos commemorating her years of outstanding service.

ABC and GCI congratulate this year's winners for their commitment to producing quality work in a safe and responsible manner and thank everyone who attended this amazing event.

## 2018 STEP Award Winners

### DIAMOND AWARD

CIANBRO Corporation

Crocker Architectural Sheet Metal Co., Inc.

JM Coull, Inc.

MJM Masonry, Inc.

Notch Mechanical Constructors

Williams Building Company, Inc.

Windover Construction, Inc.

### PLATINUM AWARD

Bald Hill Builders, LLC

Bowdoin Construction Corp.

DECCO, Inc.

Delphi Construction, Inc.

Ellis Fire Suppression, Inc.

Energy Electric Company, Inc.

EnviroVantage, Inc.

Florence Electric, LLC

Maguire Company, Inc.

R & R Window Contractors, Inc.

R.H. White Construction Co., Inc.

Rivers Electrical Corp.

Zampell

GOLD AWARD

Callahan Construction Managers

Cutler Associates, Inc.

Dellbrook - JK Scanlan

Enterprise Equipment Co., Inc.

Erland Construction, Inc.

Forish Construction Co., Inc.

Kaplan Construction

Methuen Construction Co., Inc.

NEL Corporation

Optiline Enterprises, LLC

Professional Electrical Contractors of CT, Inc.

## SILVER AWARD

American Tele-Connect Services, Inc.

B.W. Kennedy and Company, LLC

Breen & Sullivan Mechanical Services, Inc.

C. White Marine, Inc.

Colt Builders Corp.

Denron Plumbing & HVAC, LLC

Electrical Dynamics, Inc.

Elm Electrical, Inc.

Interstate Electrical Services Corporation

J. Lawrence Hall Co., Inc.

Lake HVAC, Inc.

Medford Wellington Service Co., Inc.

Metro Walls, Inc.

Nauset Construction Corp.

North Shore Mechanical Contractors, Inc.

NorthStar Construction Services Corp.

Piping Systems, Inc.

Premier Fence, LLC

Ryan Construction, Inc.

Shawnlee Construction, LLC

Tecta America New England, LLC

Tenant Systems

The Middlesex Corporation

The RELCO Companies

Tocco Building Systems

W.T. Kenney Company, Inc.

United Steel, Inc.

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