

# A Shower Of Philanthropy

*Rain Doesn't Keep BA Members From Supporting Future Industry Leaders*

Try as it might, the Builders Foundation hasn't been able to keep the weather consistent for golfers supporting its Scholarship Program Golf Outing since 2003. Previous outings have seen members battle Saharan heat, a tornado warning and this year at Makray Memorial Golf Club in Barrington, an awful lot of rain.

While they may have had to brave some rough weather, those who have played in this year's outing made the financial outlook a little less stormy for students looking at careers in construction.

Close to \$20,000 was raised at this year's Golf Outing to benefit the Builders Scholarship Foundation. By the end of the 2010-2011 academic year, the Foundation will have awarded over \$120,000 in funds to students majoring in Construction Management or Engineering.

The Ceco Concrete Construction team of George and Jeremy Weiland and Phil and Jackelyn Diekemper took first place, while second went to the Ryan Companies US, Inc. team of Lynn Treat, Bill O'Connell, Hans Muecke and Jim Herbst. Jeremy Weiland took home both the longest drive and closest to the pin prizes, while other prizes were earned by Mark Johnson (Seyfarth Shaw) and Joe Carini (Johnson & Bell).

Four scholarship winners were selected for the 2010 year, bringing the total number of Builders Foundation scholarship recipients to 27. This year's honorees include:

- Max Hilton, a junior at Ferris State University majoring in Construction Management
- Joseph Rook, a University of Illinois senior majoring in Civil Engineering
- Michigan State University Senior Mitchell Rotta, who majors in Construction Management
- Sara Zongolowicz, a junior at Marquette University majoring in Civil Engineering

Thanks to all the active Builders Association members who



continue to make this event a success year after year and help future leaders of the Chicagoland construction industry on their path to career success. Thanks as well to our sponsors for this year's event:

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If you know of a student who would benefit from this scholarship, check out the guidelines under the Training/Education section of [www.bldrs.org](http://www.bldrs.org), and encourage them to submit applications for our 2011 scholarships before November 1, 2010. For more on the Foundation or how your company can contribute, contact Mike Schultze at [mschultze@bldrs.org](mailto:mschultze@bldrs.org).

# Just One Example...

## *Former Scholarship Winner Hladik Reaches LEED AP Status With Ryan Companies*

Jessica Hladik won a scholarship from the Builders Foundation in 2006. She graduated from Purdue University in 2008 and joined association member Ryan Companies US, Inc., as an Assistant Project Manager. Recently Hladik was promoted to Project Manager, which requires two years of previous experience as an Assistant Project Manager.

“Being a Project Manager is a lot more responsibility,” Hladik said. “This allows you to do a lot more projects on your own.”

Over the past year she has been working on Wheaton Christian Grammar School’s new 35-acre campus in Winfield. The project, which wrapped in plenty of time for classes to begin Aug. 24, entailed a geothermal mechanical system to help the school save on heating and cooling expenses.

“[This] was a great experience for me, as I recently became LEED Certified AP,” Hladik said.

The system runs on glycol and consists of horizontal underground piping running the length of the campus’s three soccer fields, according to Hladik. Depending on the temperature needs of the school building, the glycol within the underground piping will heat up or cool down, which regulates the temperature within the 92,000 square foot structure.

“Having LEED accreditation gives you an eye for the right



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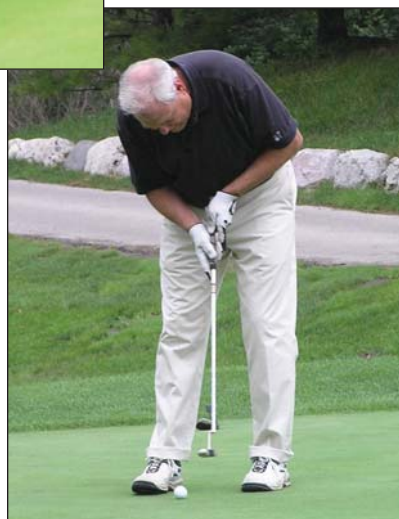
efficiency items that can go into a building, even if it will not become LEED certified,” Hladik said.

She became LEED AP certified a year ago after passing a proficiency test covering information about building sustainability and the different levels of LEED certification. The process has changed since then, Hladik said, but the knowledge gained remains the same.

“[Becoming certified] means being knowledgeable about green practices,” she said, “so that when an owner wants a project to be green you are a good resource.”

Currently Hladik is also working on remodeling two Target store locations in Oswego and Lemont. These remodels consist primarily of upgrades to the refrigeration, electrical and mechanical systems, as well as finishes such as painting and flooring. She said she is continuing to grow within the field by trying to learn as much as possible about construction on the different projects she is assigned.

“I’m grateful to the Builders Association for helping me through their support during college,” Hladik said.



*(Above) Ben Johnston of James McHugh Construction chips on to the green during the Builders Foundation Golf Outing. (Right) Ceco Concrete’s Phil Diekemper lines up a putt.*



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# I Know What You Did This Summer

*Past Builders Foundation Scholarship Recipients talk about what they did within the construction industry over the summer months.*



I'm interning for a second summer with CG Schmidt. I'm working on the UW-Madison South Student Union again.

– Jolisa Gold  
2009 Recipient



I'm spending my third summer at Development Solutions, working in the office.

– Mitch R. Rotta  
2010 Recipient



I'm working for the village of Mount Prospect as a Building Division intern. I do a lot of building inspection type work and code regulations.

– Konrad Dabrowski  
2009 Recipient



I am a full-time employee doing construction engineering for Ciorba Group, Inc. out of Chicago. I have been there since last May.

– Kyle Johnson  
2008 Recipient



From an interview with the leaders of the construction companies I got an internship with Pepper Construction for the summer. I've been working at the Des Plaines Casino site. I'm learning a lot.

– Max Hilton  
2010 Recipient



I am a Project Manager at Executive Construction, Inc.

– Matthew Egan  
2009 Recipient



I am currently interning at Rausch Construction Co. in Broadview.

– Joseph R. Rook  
2010 Recipient



I am currently working full time as a Project Engineer with W.E. O'Neil Construction Co. I am at the Empress Casino in Joliet.

– Dana Wessman  
2008 Recipient

**Applications for 2011 Builders Foundation Scholarships are being accepted from Construction Engineering and Construction Management majors at schools throughout the Midwest. For more information contact Mike Schultze or Patty Heier at 847-318-8585.**