



# Professional Construction Estimators Association Orlando, FL

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## President's Letter

Welcome to PCEA Orlando and the first newsletter of my term as President. I want to thank you for your interest in PCEA and for allowing me to represent this chapter. Some amazing things happened last year under Christina Kanhai Presidency, and I wanted to do a quick recap for anyone new and for those that have not been able to make every meeting. We set a membership record for the Orlando Chapter, at 145 members. Second, we set a scholarship amount record and gave away \$17,000 through our three scholarship options, Randy Welch, Student Member, and Member Professional. With the help of those two items, we were able to win the Bill Helms PCEA Chapter of the Year award at the National Convention in May.

I have four main goals that the 2019-2020 Board of Directors will accomplish during my term as President - to give away more scholarship money, break last year's membership record, expand our contributions to the community, and defend our status as Chapter of the Year and recipients of the Bill Helms award this year. You can read more about these goals on the following page.

If you are not a member, and would like more information about becoming one, please reach out to me or any of the other Board Members listed in each newsletter.

Thank you,

Tim McLaughlin  
PCEA Orlando, Chapter President



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## UPCOMING PCEA ORLANDO EVENTS:

Be sure to register on the PCEA Orlando website for the following events:

### - PCEA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June 25, 2019

Allen Johnson

City of Orlando Venues

Citrus Club

255 South Orange Avenue #1800

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

### - PCEA Orlando Backpack Stuffing Event

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Saturday, July 13, 2019

1st Shift: 9:00 - 1:00 PM

2nd Shift: 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Solutions Period Group

801 Waterway Place

Longwood, FL 32750

Sign up for Meetings and Events at:

[www.pcea-orlando.org](http://www.pcea-orlando.org)

## 2019 - 2020 PCEA CHAPTER GOALS

DEFENDING CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

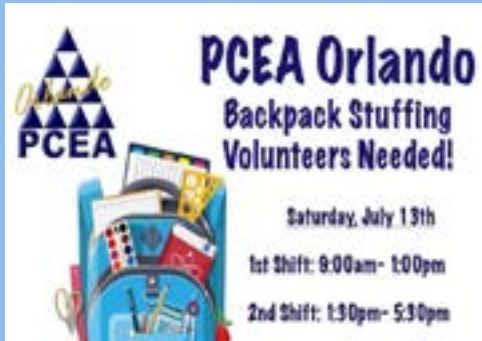
PCEA Orlando's 2019-2020 Board of Directors has four main goals that the chapter is going to accomplish during Tim McLaughlin's term as President.

1. Raise and give away more scholarship money. With the help of the Golf Committee, Social Committee, and Scholarship Committee, we are going to continue to have marquee events that separate PCEA from the other local associations since we focus on Value and Quality.
2. Break last years record of 145 members. PCEA Orlando is going to continue to provide relevant and worthwhile speakers and panels, that will continue to increase our meeting attendance and popularity.
3. Expand our Community Give back as an Organization. While we focus all of monetary donations to scholarships per our chapter by laws, the Orlando Chapter is made up of giving individuals who are willing to give time to help better the Central Florida Area.
4. Repeat as Bill Helms award winners. If we do the three things above, we will easily repeat.



# THANK YOU!!!!!!

TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT TO  
SUPPORT THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND AT  
OUR SUMMER FUN GOLF TOURNAMENT



**PCEA Orlando**  
Backpack Stuffing  
Volunteers Needed!

Saturday, July 13th  
1st Shift: 9:00am - 1:00pm  
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## MAY MEETING OSCEOLA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

At last month's meeting, PCEA members heard from Thomas Ott, Principal of Osceola Technical College, about a local cause that is near and dear to all of our hearts: Construction Education. He shared how Osceola Technical College offers career certificate programs in Building Construction Technologies including HVAC, Electrical, Plumbing, and Digital Design at campuses in St. Cloud, Kissimmee, and Poinciana. With the number of jobs needed in each of these construction trades numbering in the thousands, they need employer partners to help students find a career and become contributing members of the workforce. We learned how everyone at PCEA can contribute to the Career Pathway Program's mission: "Every Student, Future Ready."

Principal Ott believes that we are doing high school students a disservice by immediately asking them "Where do you want to go to college?" We need a differential in the meaning of success, since the majority of the jobs being created are at the skilled labor level. It's a shame that 81% of US dropouts surveyed would have stayed in school if they were given relevant real-world pathways, yet students struggling to connect with academics are prevented from competing in competitions like Skills USA if their grades are too low. Traditional academic programs focus on high school graduation, but the goal should be what happens after graduation.

Osceola Technical College began as a career and technical education program in 1994, and has recently achieved National attention, with other educators coming to Central Florida to see how Orange and Osceola are focusing on real world job skills. They believe that the talent pipeline should start in elementary school, when we need to expose students to the industry, and educators are recommending to start the career pathways programs of study as early as 5th grade.

High school aged students complete a career inventory that can open doors to immerse them into opportunities that show them what a career in skilled labor looks like. Educators have seen a shift in interest, and they plan to assist students interested in the construction field by exposing them to employment opportunities throughout the program, setting them up for success. This is being incentivized through student aid that is a grant with no money out of pocket to participate in the program. All programs articulate to Valencia, and half of an associates degree can be earned by the completion of this program.

Osceola's program continues to be an emerging opportunity for students in Central Florida since Brevard and Seminole County do not have these types of programs. But they need help from companies to partner with schools. So, how can you help?

- 1- Time - Be a guest speaker for a program and tell students what you do in your company. Adopt a program or a classroom, or be part of an advisory board.
- 2- Opportunity - Provide opportunities for a field trip, internships, and job shadowing.
- 3- Employment - show what is happening on the Job-site and see what construction looks like.
- 4 - Become a sponsor- Get you or your company's name on a classroom, or donate a piece of old equipment.
- 5 - Give smaller supplies, like PPE that can be integrated somewhere in the curriculum. Fund training for experience, and students will be employable by you with their new skills!



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