

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY DINNER RAISES \$700,000 FOR LOCAL SCOUTING

The Boy Scouts of America Pathway to Adventure Council hosted the largest social gathering of construction professionals in Chicago on April 4, 2018, known as the Construction Industry Dinner, which raised \$700,000 for local Scouting programs.

This year's dinner connected over 1,200 construction industry professionals across the state in service of the Scouting community. The funding resulting from this event makes it one of the largest contributors to benefit the youth and volunteers who make the Pathway to Adventure Council the quality program it is.

Eagle Scout and Construction Industry Memorial Scholarship recipient Mark Williams opened the dinner with an inspiring speech about discovering his aspiration to become a civil engineer through his Scouting experiences, saying, "I have a passion for civil engineering. I want to make people's lives easier and be a problem solver to benefit society."

The dinner was hosted by Law Burks, the Vice President and General Manager of ITW Commercial Construction and 2018 Construction Industry Dinner Chairman Law Burks, who explained his deep connection to the construction industry.

"When I was asked to take the leadership position for tonight's event; I reflected on the tremendous opportunity I've had in my life and the huge responsibility to give back and create pathways for others like me. My grandfathers were born and raised in the segregated south and migrated to Chicago's south side with dreams of a better life. [...] They both believed in education and hard work. They were proud members of the construction industry as I am today," said Law.

He closed the evening by reiterating the impact the construction industry's partnership with the Boy Scouts of America has on our communities.

"Whether your hot topics are science, technology, engineering and math, or expanding the trades your investment is paying dividends for the future of Chicagoland Youth," said Burk.