Asphalt Contractors Association of Florida

STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION





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Saturday Awards Banquet











Convention Bags

Thursday Hospitality

Friday General Session



Saturday Chairman's Reception



Friday Family Fun Dinner



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Friday Breakfast and Lunch







Saturday Golfer's Delight



Saturday Asphalt Mix'er



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Asphalt & Emulsions

Saturday Asphalt Mix'er and Sunday Service



Saturday Asphalt Mix'er



Women of Asphalt Meeting



Bag Swag



Friday Morning Coffee Break



Bag Swag

Board of Directors – Executive Committee

- Chair Vince Hafeli, Ajax Paving
- Vice-chair Mitchell Gant, Duval Asphalt & ATS
- Treasurer Julio Leganoa, Halley Engineering
- Secretary John Taylor, CRH
- Immediate Past Chair Phil Addison, Hubbard





Board of Directors

- Mike Iapaluccio Middlesex
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- Mike Woodford Whitehurst
- Adam Mallard VA Paving
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ACAF Committees

Specifications Committee – Chair: Steve McReynolds

Affiliate and Associate Member Committee – Chair:

Jose Hernandez

Florida Asphalt Scholarship Program – Chair: John Baldwin

Strategic Planning - Chair: John Taylor

Membership – Chair: Chris Harris

Legislative – Chair: Danny Weekley





Welcome to New Members:

- S&L Materials
- Tenna
- Native Construction
- Florida Aerial Survey Technologies
- All County Paving
- Green Asphalt
- Powerline Paving
- Timothy Rose Contracting





Past Year Accomplishments

New Office Administrator – Ellie Hayes

- Strengthened internal operations
- Improved member communication and support

Financially Strong

- Maintained balanced budget
- Built healthy reserves for future growth

Enhanced FDOT Relationships

- Engagement at all levels: District to Central Office to SMO
- Increased collaboration and access

Committees

- New Affiliate and Associate Members Committee
- Specifications Committee
- Expanded volunteer opportunities





Training & Events

- Airfield Asphalt Lab Cert Program
- Annual Expo
- Annual Convention
- Florida Asphalt Scholarship Program
- Asphalt Contractors PAC
- Women of Asphalt Florida Branch







2024 <mark>FLORIDA ASPHALT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM</mark> SPORTING CLAYS TOURNAMENT

EPTEMBER 21 | 8AM-1:30PM

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ETWORK WITH AN INDUSTRY LEADER





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- 1. Team of Four \$999
- 2. Single Shooter.... \$299
- 3. Station Sponsor.. \$399
- 4. Event Sponsor .. \$2499
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2024 SCHOLARSHIPS

- Jaden Browning Ranger Construction Industries,
- Wyatt Woodford V.E. Whitehurst, Inc. Carroll Lance Memorial Scholarship
- Brady Miller Ajax Paving Industries of Florida The Mike Novak Memorial Scholarship
 Yannin Bludon - Reput & See Construction
- Yasmin Blyden Peavy & Son Construction
 The FASP College Scholarship
 Monica Aquiluz Hubbard Construction Company
- Monica Aguiluz Hubbard Construction Company The ACAF Scholarship
 Andrew DeOreo - Linder Industrial Machinery
- Andrew DeUreo Linder Industrial Machinery
 The ACAF Scholarship
 Mackenzi Strauss Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LI.
 The ACAF Scholarship
- Austin Edwards Preferred Materials, Inc.
 The ACAF Scholarship
 Annarita Giuliani The Middlesex Corporation
- THE AGAP SCHOLARSHIP

Workforce Development









Workforce Development

- In the Spring of 2024, the ACAF Board of Directors met with our FDOT executive officials in Tallahassee to discuss the industry as a whole and some of the challenges we were facing. The depleting workforce was easily one of our greatest challenges.
- ACAF then presented the same questions to the attendees at the summer conference roundtable.
- The voices were heard loud and clear that our depleting workforce is in a critical state and we needed to do something.
- Assistant Secretary Will Watts pledged \$150,000 to ACAF for a work force development campaign specific to the asphalt industry.





The Plan

- For the next 9 months the ACAF board and staff explored options that were cost effective and produced the best results for the investment. They explored mobile set ups at trade shows, school visits, career days etc.
- Ultimately, the cost vs results were unbalanced, and the reach was not broad enough to get real results for our industry.
- Amy reached out to the board requesting fresh ideas needed and it was established that an advertising campaign would be the best route to get the best return on investment.







The Target

- With any large-scale plan, you must focus on a target, through several conversations amongst the board of directors and the companies we represent. Our primary focus is the high school graduate or young adults between 18-25 looking to start a career.
- Our secondary target is the parents of these young adults, who are actively looking for opportunities to find their kids a career, or possibly one for themselves. This age group is 38-45



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The Message "What it takes and what it makes"

- Our goal was to tell an unsuspecting audience about our industry and show that there are more opportunities than just shoveling asphalt
- We want to show our target that there is:
 - Good pay "What it Makes"
 - Instant placement
 - Develop a trade / skill
 - Room for advancement
 - Chance to establish a career







Secondary message

- While targeting a young person to join the industry we subsequently wanted to showcase our industry.
- Featuring the product we make, how it's made, and how our state depends on us.
- Florida Rides on Us!





The Campaign Features

1. Social Media Banners and commercials

- Banners on You Tube, Instagram, Twitch, Facebook, TikTok
- Video commercials, with ability to click link to landing page

2. Landing page

- Designated website controlled by ACAF to direct people to the desired region they're seeking employment.
- **3. Direct Feedback** from the ad to ACAF on the clicks and views where we can track the level of interest from our target.

Here are some samples of this campaign!





New Initiatives





















New Initiatives

- Leadership Program
- > Designed for emerging leaders in the asphalt industry
- Focused on personal growth, team development, and operational excellence
- ➤ Helping you lead from where you are and where you're going

- Benevolent Fund
- Created for members who experience a loss of an employee





Looking Ahead

- Expand leadership and workforce development programs
- Deepen member engagement through committee involvement, member offerings and educational opportunities
- Continue advocacy and partnership with FDOT and other industry stakeholders
- Grow PAC influence and scholarship impact





Thank You



