

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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The Asphalt Contractors Association of Florida announces Mike Slade as a recipient of their "Lifetime Achievement Award". –

The Asphalt Industry in Florida bestowed a "special recognition Award" at their Annual Convention in Ft. Myers this past weekend to James Michael "Mike" Slade.

Mike was born in Beckley, West Virginia and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management from the University of Charleston.

Mike started his professional career with Vecellio & Grogan, Inc. (a parent company of Ranger) as a laborer and has held numerous administrative and management positions in several of the Vecellio Companies over his 43 years of service. He was appointed president of Ranger in 1998 and retired as President in December of 2012. "Mike was one of the top professionals in the construction industry and we were very fortunate he was with our Group all those years," sad Leo Vecellio, Jr. "His management skills not only helped Ranger prosper, but helped guide the company through difficult times as well."

During his career, he has served as President of Florida East Coast Chapter of Associated General Contractors of America, Chairman of the Florida Transportation Builders Association, President of the Florida Asphalt Contractors Association, Director of Cities in Schools, Trustee of South Florida Fair and is a current member of Board of Directors for South Florida Fair and Expositions.

Mike holds licenses for State of Florida Underground and Excavation, Palm Beach County Paving Contractor and State of California General Engineering Contractor.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was established by the ACAF Board of Directors in 2016 to recognize the contributions of its industry leaders in Florida.

