

Vote for the 2012 Woman of Distinction Award!



Thank you for attending the Women in Concrete Luncheon and Forum, hosted by THE CONCRETE PRODUCER and CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION magazines.

We invite you to vote for the *Woman of Distinction Award*, created by The Women in Concrete Alliance (WICA), a networking organization for women in the concrete industry. WICA provides information, opportunities, and mentoring to women in the concrete construction industry. The Award celebrates women in the industry, and the recipient will signify the spirit of the Women in Concrete Alliance.

Vote for the nominee who impresses you the most as a *Woman of Distinction* in the concrete industry.

The Nominees:

Kimberly Corwin

President, A.H. Harris & Sons, Inc.

In July 2011, Kimberly Corwin was promoted to President of A.H. Harris, a construction products distributor founded in 1916 with 40+ locations in the New England, Mid-Atlantic and Southeast Regions. Kimberly has more than 20 years in the concrete construction industry. She joined A.H. Harris in September 2003, serving 6 years as Business Development Manager promoting the growth of tilt-up construction in the northeast region through numerous educational events and A/E presentations, as well as advancing the use of welded rebar cages. As Vice-President of Sales & Marketing, Kimberly implemented many new customer focused initiatives, vendor development programs and an internal education forum. In fact, she is viewed by many as single handedly establishing the tilt-up market in the Northeast.

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Kimberly is very active with the Tilt-Up Concrete Association (TCA) and is currently Vice-President on the TCA Board of Directors. She also serves as Chairperson of the Promotions Committee and is a member of the Education Committee and Global Associates Council. Kimberly is also the CRSI Pilgrim Chapter President, promoting the use of reinforced concrete.

When asked why she is so active in the industry she states, "I believe in advocating not only for Harris but for the concrete construction industry as a whole, one person can make a difference".

Amy Miller

Senior National Resource Director, National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA)

Amy Miller is deserving of the Women in Concrete, Women of Distinction Award for many reasons related to her work in the concrete industry. Prior to working with NRMCA, Amy worked for Grace Construction Products (GCP). At GCP, she worked with structural engineers educating them on the differences/uses of chemical admixtures. She also worked with key ready-mixed producers helping them establish programs for use of integrally colored concrete.

At NRMCA, Amy has continued educating engineers and large national accounts on the benefits of concrete in all types of projects. She conducts monthly webinars and works closely with national chains to promote

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Sherri Casilio

President, 4 Winds Concrete Inc.

Sherri Casilio, President of 4 Winds Concrete Inc., a woman-owned business, has been at the helm guiding the company since she started the business approximately 8 years ago. A WBE company, the firm is a state certified ready mix producer. Having spent her life around concrete and construction businesses, Sherri recognized a need for a ready mixed company that provides good customer service, quality and value to its customers. She provides her customers with multiple delivery methods including concrete pumps, conveyors, front discharge, midsize and mini mixers that are used to supply for residential, commercial, government and heavy highway construction jobs.

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Sherri also has continually provided support to industry organizations. She supplies examiners from her work force to certify people with ACI certifications, provides demonstrations and certification classes for pervious concrete through the Pennsylvania Aggregate and Concrete Association, as well as holds decorative concrete seminars. 4 Winds won the Pennsylvania Aggregate and Concrete Association's Architectural Concrete Project of the Year for 2011, Commercial Project of the Year 2007 and provided concrete on several ACI nominated projects.

Kari Yuers

CEO & President, Kryton International Inc.

Kari Yuers is best known for her ability to effect change. Under her leadership, Kryton International Inc. has grown ten-fold in a 20 year period, growing from a small family business into the world's leading concrete waterproofing solutions provider. Today, Kryton has eight offices around the globe, distributors in over 50 countries and operates the largest concrete permeability testing laboratory in North America.

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Dedicated to improving the advancement of women in both business and construction worlds, Kari is an avid peer-mentor and speaker. A notable speech was her 2010 Women in Concrete Luncheon address.

Kari has been recognized for the following achievements including 2003 Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year, 2010 ACI Fellow of the Institute and 2005 ACI Young Member Award for Professional Achievement, 2002 and 2004 recipient of Construction Specifications Canada (CSC) Chapter Award for Merit. Kryton is the four time consecutive winner of the Best Companies to Work For in BC Awards in 2008-2011.

Dana Horstmeier Customer Service Coordinator, Champion Precast Inc.

Dana Horstmeier has made significant contributions to the concrete industry. In 1989, she started with the Champion Precast companies and has moved up in positions and responsibilities since that time. She not only makes extraordinary contributions daily in her role with the firm, but she also willingly shares her gifts, talents, keen-eye and expertise with others. She was one of a few forward-thinkers in the industry with a vision that included extensive marketing and promotion. This dynamic pairing of technology and entrepreneurial spirit signaled the birth of a thriving industry. Because of her commitment to her firm and the precast industry's success, both have had significant growth over the years.

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Today's business environment calls on mentors and leaders capable of working in concert with others, able to collaborate in creative endeavors, innovate and inspire and contribute without dominating any undertaking. It is this extraordinary skill that Dana brings to every project she undertakes. It is her extraordinary poise and style in contributing her best to all of her undertakings that creates an environment that draws the very best from her colleagues.

Dana became a member of St. Louis Chapter 38 National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) in 1994. She was the Chapter's Chairperson in 2001-2002. Ever year, she chairs the group's Block-Kids program for inner-city children and currently serves as a Board member of NAWIC.

Kilah L. Engelke Apprenticeship Coordinator, Milwaukee OPCMIA Local 599

Kilah has been a Cement Finisher with the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' International Association for the past 11 years. Prior to completing her apprenticeship as a Finisher, Kilah also spent three years as a laborer on a slipform concrete paving crew, which is where she began her career in concrete. In her nomination, it was noted that, as a woman

in a predominantly male-dominated industry, Kilah exemplifies what it means to work and succeed in construction and that quality is proven by her day-to-day commitment to her crew and to her trade. She is highly respected by the people she works with and for, as she has worked very hard to be a valuable and important part of her crew.

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In October 2011, Kilah was hired as the first ever Apprenticeship Coordinator for the Milwaukee OPCMIA Local 599. Her passion for concrete and for her job was recognized as a needed catalyst for the future success of the growing and respected program.

Kristen Braden PE, Construction Project Manager, H.R. Gray, Inc.

Kristen E. Braden provides construction management on public construction projects as well as construction claims management and resolution services for H.R. Gray, Inc. in Columbus, Ohio. With more than 12 years of experience in the construction industry, including the management of projects ranging from \$1-\$20 million, Kristen's experience includes public and private sector projects such as water/wastewater, roadways, airports and offshore oil and gas production facilities. Kristen is an active member of the industry and uses her talents to encourage the construction of high quality concrete structures.

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She has a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Civil Engineering from Vanderbilt University, a Master of Science degree in Engineering from the University of Texas and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Cincinnati. Prior to joining H.R. Gray, Ms. Braden worked as a Facilities Engineer for the ExxonMobil Production Company in New Orleans, Louisiana. At ExxonMobil, she held project management responsibilities in project planning and conceptual development; budget development and estimating; project set-up and start-up; and project closeout.

Subsequently, Ms. Braden attended law school and became an attorney practicing in Ohio where she was instrumental in the preparation, analysis, and litigation of a variety of construction claims including delay, lost productivity, and defective construction claims.

Since joining H.R. Gray, Ms. Braden has held project management responsibilities on several water and wastewater construction projects. Her responsibilities have included managing contractor's payments, negotiating contract modifications, and resolving construction related questions and conflicts on-site. She has administrative and technical background in CPM and other computer-assisted scheduling and project management software. She has also been responsible for the contract administration, coordination between contractors and resolution of design and layout issues on a project with multiple contracts to construct an inflatable dam pump station and reservoir.