



2026 SITE ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

SITE Advancement Foundation is honored to announce the six local students who will each receive \$5,000 in scholarships. This is the twenty-sixth year for the SITE Advancement Foundation scholarship program; it has awarded \$462,500 since its inception in 2001. These scholarships are made possible through voluntary contributions from SITE Improvement Association member companies and from the SITE Advancement Foundation Scholarship Fund. 2026 saw nearly 50 applications.

High school graduates and college students with a parent employed by a SITE member company are eligible for the scholarships. New this year, applicants were asked to interview their parent who works for a SITE member company to gain more knowledge about the construction industry. Applicants were also asked to include in their essay how their chosen career path will have an impact on the construction industry.

Learn more about each of the six recipients on page 6 of this newsletter.

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The road ahead looks good for SITE.

SITE's 2026 vision is driving excellence and delivering results which is exactly what is being done with 17 new members joining the SITE Improvement Association. This growth is a direct result of our current members sharing their passion for SITE's mission and spreading the word. Thank you for continuing to be our greatest advocates!

To welcome our new members and ensure they get the most out of their involvement, SITE hosts a New Member Orientation. This session provides an overview of:

- How SITE was formed
- How SITE is funded
- What SITE offers its members
- Ways to get involved
- A behind-the-scenes look at our team and the roles each staff member plays

This orientation is a great way to help our new members to connect with the organization. Let's keep building on this momentum together!!

A strong membership is vital for the SUCCESS of our Association.

Thank you for helping us grow and strengthen the SITE community.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

JEREMY BENNETT

Take a drive along I-70 near New Florence and you will see scrapers lined up as far as the eye can see with billions in construction on the horizon. Beyond the data centers' role in powering our AI, cloud storage, and global communications, the sheer scale of their construction represents one of the most significant boons to the skilled labor market in decades.

Building a data center is not a simple warehouse project. A single hyper-scale facility can require anywhere from 500,000 to over 2 million man-hours to complete. This isn't just a statistic—it represents thousands of high-paying, stable jobs for contractors and construction craft workers alike.

As we look toward an increasingly automated future, the construction of data centers stands as a testament to the enduring necessity of human craft. It is a win-win scenario: we get the infrastructure needed to power the next generation of innovation, and our skilled tradespeople get the complex, rewarding work they deserve. We should welcome the hum of the data center—not just for the data it processes, but for the thousands of hands that built it. We understand the sensitivity of these projects to the public, and we agree that, as with any massive project, a sound standard should be in place for safety, water, power, and any sustainable efforts to keep residents at peace and ensure long-term viability for these facilities. Please take the opportunity to attend SITE's General Membership meeting on May 6 to learn more about data center pros and cons. It should be an informative and well-attended meeting!

I'm happy to report that SITE's training and leadership center is being used regularly by members

and industry partners to help advance their businesses! The intent behind the collaborative space is to provide more opportunities to the organization and our members as we continue to grow, and it's really serving the members well. The vision of the organization continues to come to fruition during our 60th anniversary year.

I would like to congratulate SITE team member Burnea Lester on celebrating four years with the Association. She has done an excellent job representing membership in the community, amongst local government bodies, and creating a better brand for SITE with her content creation on social media. Thank you, Burnea!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank all our membership for their incredible response to the membership levels. The increase in platinum, gold and silver levels express appreciation and value for everything the organization has done and continues to provide to its members. We continue to see phenomenal renewal rates in 2026!

During the month of May, we plan to announce plans for our 60th anniversary party. Be on the lookout!





LEGISLATIVE REPORT

BY KEVIN McMULLIN



A DEFINING STRETCH FOR SITE IN JEFFERSON CITY

As the Missouri General Assembly enters the final phase of the legislative session, March and April have proven to be a defining period for both policy development and strategic positioning in Jefferson City. Activity has intensified across both chambers, with committee work, negotiations, and procedural maneuvering shaping the path forward on several issues critical to SITE members.

At the center of this activity is SITE's ongoing advocacy effort to advance meaningful protections for contractors, alongside a growing need to respond decisively to legislation that could negatively impact the construction pipeline across Missouri.

PRIVATE PROMPT PAY LEGISLATION MOVES INTO POSITION

SITE's top legislative priority, commonly referred to as the Private Prompt Pay initiative, has continued to progress through the legislative process following months of coordination, negotiation and refinement.

After multiple draft iterations and extensive legal review, the agreed-upon language was submitted to Capitol Drafting and returned as a formal House Committee Substitute. While the drafting process introduced changes in format and structure, the substance of the bill remains aligned with its original purpose: establishing clear, enforceable payment protections within private construction contracts. A significant amount of time and effort has been dedicated to working alongside Representative David Casteel, who has taken an active role in positioning the bill for movement out of committee. Current efforts are focused on securing executive session consideration and identifying the most viable path forward, whether through standalone passage or by attaching the language to a Senate bill

that has already advanced.

Late-stage commentary from outside stakeholders has surfaced in recent weeks. However, based on current review, these comments do not materially alter the core framework of the legislation. The coalition supporting the bill remains aligned, and communication continues to ensure all parties are informed as the bill approaches a critical decision point.

As is often the case at this stage of session, success will depend less on policy development and more on execution, timing and legislative positioning.

UTILITY RELOCATION PROPOSAL CREATES IMMEDIATE CONCERN

While SITE continues to push forward on proactive legislation, equal attention has been required to address proposals that could negatively impact the industry.

Senate Bill 1065, sponsored by Senator Ben Brown, has emerged as one of the most significant concerns during this portion of session.

The bill would require the Missouri Department of Transportation to reimburse non-rate-regulated utility providers for labor costs associated with relocating facilities due to road maintenance, construction, or other right-of-way activities. As originally written, the proposal also applies to cities and counties. However, a revision is currently being drafted to remove local governments from the bill. While this change narrows the scope, it substantially increases the likelihood of passage.

The fiscal note estimates the proposal could reduce the State Road Fund by up to \$54 million annually if enacted. This is not a theoretical impact. These are real dollars that would otherwise be allocated toward construction and infrastructure improvements

across the state.

For SITE members, the implications are direct. Funding redirected to utility reimbursement is funding no longer available for projects. That translates into fewer jobs, delayed timelines, and a reduced volume of work across the industry.

URGENT CALL TO ACTION: OPPOSE SB 1065

SITE is strongly encouraging immediate member engagement on this issue.

We urge all members to contact their State Senator and request a “NO” vote when Senate Bill 1065 is brought to the floor.

Direct outreach from industry professionals remains one of the most effective tools in the legislative process. Communicating the real world impact of this proposal on project delivery and workforce stability is critical as legislators evaluate the bill.

LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENT ENTERS FINAL PHASE

The broader legislative environment throughout March and April reflects the expected shift that occurs as session progresses toward its conclusion. Committee activity has remained steady, with a notable increase in the use of committee substitutes as negotiated agreements are finalized and formalized. In both chambers, leadership has begun narrowing focus to priority legislation, while also identifying bills that may serve as vehicles for amendments in the final weeks.

Procedural tools have played a more visible role during this period, as floor time becomes increasingly limited and debate more strategic. Coordination between House and Senate leadership continues to shape which proposals ultimately reach the finish line. At this stage, the legislative process becomes less predictable. Bills can advance quickly, stall unexpectedly, or reemerge through alternative pathways. Maintaining flexibility and constant communication remains essential.

SITE MAINTAINS STRONG PRESENCE AT THE CAPITOL

Throughout March and April, SITE has maintained a consistent and active presence in Jefferson City. Regular time at the Capitol, combined with direct engagement with legislators and staff, has ensured that the industry’s voice remains part of ongoing conversations. Coordination with partner organizations and aligned coalitions has further strengthened advocacy efforts, particularly on complex issues such as prompt pay and contracting fairness.

Leadership Lobby Day in March served as a key moment of visibility for the organization. Participation and professionalism of attending SITE members were noted by legislators and staff, reinforcing SITE’s reputation as a credible and effective advocate for the construction industry.

These relationships and interactions continue to play a critical role as session enters its most decisive period.

THE ROAD AHEAD



With several weeks remaining in session, the focus is clear.

Efforts will remain centered on advancing Private Prompt Pay legislation across the finish line or securing a viable path forward into the next legislative cycle. At the same time, opposition efforts related to Senate Bill 1065 will continue to require immediate attention. Member involvement remains a critical component of success, particularly as key votes approach in the final weeks of session.

The outcomes of this session will be determined not only by policy, but by execution, engagement, and timing.

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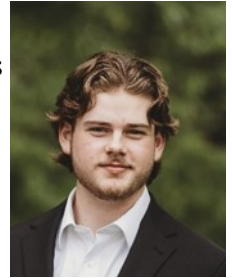
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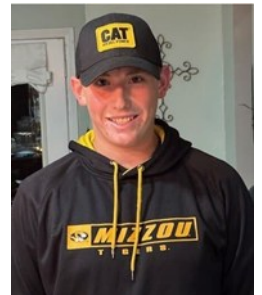
Matthew Coad (Lake St. Louis, Mo.)- Sponsored by SCI Engineering, Inc. Matthew is a senior at Timberland High School and plans to attend Missouri State University after graduating. He is a four-year member of Timberland’s band and leadership team. Matthew also is actively involved in community activities, participating in the New Melle Passion Play. While at Missouri State, he plans to major in construction management.

Joshua Giesmann (St. Paul, Mo.)- Sponsored by Horner & Shifrin, Inc. Joshua currently is a sophomore at the University of Alabama, where he is majoring in mechanical engineering. He plans to continue his education to pursue a master’s degree through the University of Alabama’s STEM Path to the MBA program to become a licensed professional engineer. He hopes to one day design heavy equipment.



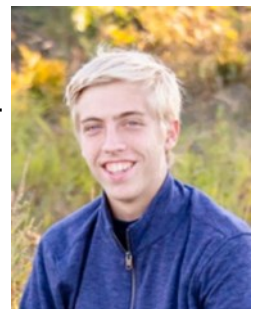
Tommy Guntli (St. Louis, Mo.)- Sponsored by DJM Ecological Services. Tommy is a senior at St. Louis University High School. After graduating, he plans to attend Marquette University to study accounting and finance. He has goals to work as an investment banker and maybe to one day serve as a chief financial officer in the construction industry.

Ryan Grethey (New Melle, Mo.) - Sponsored by Millstone Weber LLC. Ryan will be graduating from Francis Howell High School. In the fall, he will attend State Technical College of Missouri. He plans to become a Caterpillar Dealer Service Technician upon completion of school. He also completed a brick and stone masonry course and has experience with cultured stone, brick laying, and brick and stone fireplaces. Outside of school, Ryan works on a farm, where he completes a variety of tasks.



Aiden Schmidt (Edwardsville, Ill.)- Sponsored by Brewster Companies Inc. Aiden is a senior at Father McGivney Catholic High School. His next stop will be at the University of Illinois, and he will major in engineering. Aiden has been a four-year member of the math team and has held a leadership role for the last two years. He also is a member of the National Honor Society and a part of the cross country and track and field teams. After graduating, Aiden would like to work as a civil engineer to improve efficiency, reduce waste, and contribute to sustainable infrastructure.

Liam Schmidt (Edwardsville, Ill.) - Sponsored by Brewster Companies Inc. Liam is gearing up for graduation from Father McGivney Catholic High School. Liam will be earning an Honors Diploma, meaning he elected to take a full course load for eight semesters, including all honors and AP courses when he could, even taking additional online AP courses to learn more than available in school. Next school year, he will be attending the University of Florida to pursue a mechanical engineering degree. Liam participates in both soccer and cross country in high school.





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MAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Join members of SITE on May 6 for lunch at Syberg’s-Dorsett as they welcome Natasha Das, Vice President of CRG, to speak at May’s general membership meeting. As companies race to deploy AI models and process massive amounts of data, demand for computing power—and therefore data center capacity—has surged to unprecedented levels. This has sparked intense investment from major tech companies, while also raising concerns about energy consumption, water usage, and environmental impact, since modern data centers require enormous resources to operate. At the same time, governments and local communities are paying closer attention to where these facilities are built due to their economic benefits, infrastructure demands, and potential strain on power grids.



Natasha Das
CRG Vice President

As Vice President at CRG, Natasha helps lead the firm’s data center development initiatives and master development projects, overseeing deals from site selection and entitlement through design, construction, and delivery.

The cost to attend is \$30 per person. Registration is required.

Attendees will be able to participate in a Cardinals ticket raffle with the proceeds benefiting SITE’s charities of the year, Boone Center, Inc. and Empac Group Inc. Tickets are one chance for \$5 or three chances for \$10.



Winners will be able to pick from three upcoming St. Louis Cardinals games and will receive four tickets in the third base dugout box and a parking pass for the West Parking Garage. **Bring some cash and try your luck!**

Y.E.S. LEADERSHIP LOBBY DAY

The Young Executives of SITE (Y.E.S.) program continues to separate itself by giving members direct exposure to how the industry actually operates beyond the jobsite. During a recent visit to the Missouri State Capitol, participants met with legislators, sat in on live session proceedings, and saw firsthand how decisions that directly impact construction are made.

It is easy to complain about policy. It is harder -- and more valuable -- to understand how it works and influence it. This experience gave Y.E.S. members that perspective, reinforcing the importance of advocacy in protecting and advancing the industry.



Y.E.S. will continue building those connections with a Happy Hour on April 30 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Cottle Village Farmstead + Distillery. The event is free to attend and exclusive to Y.E.S. members. If you are part of the program, this is a straightforward opportunity to show up, meet your peers, and stay engaged.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

SITE's professional development courses continue to build consistency across the Best Practices Series, with strong participation from members who are looking for relevant, usable training. Sessions to date have covered ERP and Technology, Department of Transportation insights, Field Leadership Training, and Payroll Management, each targeting real gaps that impact day-to-day operations.

The next course, *The Missing Conversations*, will be held on May 5 and focuses on the small problems companies often avoid until they become major issues. The conversations that are delayed or ignored today are the issues that show up later as conflict, turnover, or lost productivity. This session is designed to address that head-on.

Later this year, on July 14, a *Safety & Enterprise Risk Management* course will be held.

All SITE training is offered at no cost and scheduled during the lunch hour. At this point, access is not the barrier. Prioritization is.

You can find links to register for these and other SITE events at www.sitestl.org/event-training.



NEXT-STEP CONNECT STRENGTHENS THE CONTRACTOR COMMUNITY

As the spring cohort of NEXT-STEP Connect launches, the focus remains clear. Strengthen the contractor community through real, one-on-one relationships.

This program is not built on surface-level networking. It is designed to create space for honest conversations between contractors about challenges, decisions, and growth. In an industry where trust and relationships drive opportunity, that matters.

Participants who engage fully tend to get more out of it. The value is directly tied to the effort put in.





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WAGE NOTICES AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS

SITE continues to streamline our processes to make sure our members can find wage and contract information more easily. All of the union wages and collective bargaining agreements are posted on SITE's website under our members-only tab. The majority of 2026's wage notices are posted at this time. If you need a login, please email Leah@sitestl.org to get you registered. Takes seconds!

PREVAILING WAGE – ANNUAL WAGE ORDER 33

We anticipate a May/June publish period on Annual Wage Order 33. SITE appreciates the efforts of members who submitted their hours to the state to help set the prevailing wage in different counties for different crafts. Your efforts made a big difference this year! Many of the counties have a prevailing wage rate very close to our union contract rate for each craft. Great work!

UNION PAYROLL AND CONTRACT MANAGEMENT CLASS



Managing payroll in the construction industry requires a specialized skill set that goes far beyond basic data entry. For payroll teams navigating these complexities, the learning curve often begins with understanding union agreements. These contracts dictate specific wage scales, fringe benefit contributions, and overtime rules that can

vary significantly between different trade crafts. Beyond union rules, payroll teams must tackle the rigorous demands of certified payroll and prevailing wage regulations. On public works projects, payroll teams are tasked with ensuring that workers are paid the predetermined hourly rate set by government agencies—often the Davis-Bacon Act at the federal level or state-specific annual wage order laws. The administrative weight lies in the filing of weekly certified payroll reports, which serve as a sworn statement of compliance. Learning to synchronize internal accounting systems with government portals requires meticulous attention to detail, as any discrepancy in job classifications or benefit allocations can lead to heavy penalties or the withholding of project payments. Accuracy is not just about employee satisfaction; it is a matter of contractual compliance that protects the company from grievances and audits. SITE is proud to have such awesome attendance for the class, setting the example for the industry. Special thank you to Jen Bade for sharing her knowledge with the rest of the payroll teams.

JOE LERITZ RECOGNIZED FOR 32 YEARS OF TRUSTEE SERVICE



After 32 years of Trustee service on the Greater St. Louis Laborers Pension Fund, Joe Leritz (Leritz Contracting/Busy Bee Paving) decided it was time to hang it up. Joe was one of the longest-serving members on the fund in its history and demonstrated excellence in attendance and engagement, assisting the fund to over 100 percent funding status. The SITE Board of Directors recognized Joe for his service at its April board meeting.



FROM THE SAFETY SIDE

SITE HOSTS LOCATOR TRAINING AT TRAINING & LEADERSHIP CENTER



On Thursday, April 9, 2026, SITE hosted a full day of locator training at the SITE Training & Leadership Center, bringing together industry professionals for focused instruction on utility damage prevention and underground locating practices.

The program featured two structured courses led by Charlie Peele, who serves as a Damage Prevention Manager with Missouri 811. Drawing on his role within the state's one-call system, he provided detailed guidance rooted in real-world application, regulatory expectations, and current industry standards.



The morning session focused on 811 Utility Damage Prevention Training, covering the full lifecycle of safe excavation practices. Attendees worked through Missouri law requirements, proper use of the 811 system, ticket management, and pre-excavation planning. Additional emphasis was placed on hazard recognition, utility marking standards, tolerance zones, and proper documentation procedures in the event of a utility strike.

The afternoon session transitioned into Electro Magnetic Locator Training, where participants were guided through the technical fundamentals of underground utility locating. Instruction included grounding principles, the distinction between active and passive signals, locate theory, and frequency selection. The course also explored how locating practices integrate with broader mapping systems, including GIS applications used across the industry.



Training remained classroom-focused throughout the day, allowing for deeper discussion and a more detailed walkthrough of concepts, techniques, and real-world scenarios.

The training provided attendees with a comprehensive understanding of both the regulatory framework and technical practices required to safely and effectively perform excavation and utility locating work. As damage prevention continues to be a critical issue across the industry, opportunities like this reinforce the importance of education, consistency, and shared standards in the field.

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2026 PLANNED EVENTS

Tue., May 5	NINE & DINE COUPLES GOLF OUTING Bogey Hills Country Club
Wed., May 6	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - LUNCH Syberg's - Dorsett
Wed., Jun. 17	JOINT SITE/ASA NETWORKING EVENT Grant's Farm
Mon., Aug. 17	GOLF TOURNAMENT & AWARDS DINNER Norwood Hills Country Club
Sat., Sep. 12	60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Location To Be Announced
Thu., Oct. 8	Y.E.S. CLAYBIRD SHOOT & FUNDRAISER Black Hawk Valley
Thu., Oct. 22	JOINT SITE/APWA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Orlando's Event Center - Dorsett
Wed., Nov. 4	NEW NORMAL NETWORKING EVENT Schlafly Tap Room
Thu., Dec. 10	HOLIDAY HAPPY HOUR Bogey Hills Country Club

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