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### IOWA'S BEST PROJECTS OF 2016 HONORED AND SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

**Altoona, IA** - On February 1-3, 2017, over 700 transportation leaders and builders gathered to exchange information and recognize last year's exceptional construction projects. The Iowa Concrete Paving Association (ICPA) hosted its **53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Concrete Paving Workshop**, which each year attracts the Midwest's top engineers, highway officials, contractors, and consultants.

ICPA's 53<sup>rd</sup> Workshop drew a **record crowd of 720** registrants. Registration volume continues to demonstrate the interest in concrete pavements and solutions for today's transportation professionals. The numbers also confirm the (ICPA) Workshop's reputation as **the biggest and the best paving conference in the country**. No other single state paving association draws participation levels as high as the Iowa Concrete Paving Workshop.

Highlighting the three-day event was the presentation of the **2016 Portland Cement Concrete Paving Awards**. In determining the winners of Iowa's most prestigious paving awards, 100 nominated projects were rated on smoothness, quality control, general appearance and workmanship, contractor management, safety, and project complexity. The ICPA and the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) jointly evaluated and recognized projects as 2016's best concrete pavements built in eighteen categories. Photos of the projects and award presentations are available upon request (515-963-0606 or [jcunningham@concretestate.org](mailto:jcunningham@concretestate.org)).

The Iowa Workshop features an emphasis on technology through its many educational sessions during the three-day event. 2017 presentations focused on the technology of building and maintaining the safest and most cost-effective pavements. In addition, participants at this year's Workshop were treated to a motivational speech delivered by famed basketball coach, **Ken Carter**, who was the inspiration for the movie "Coach Carter".

The banquet also served as an opportunity to recognize some of **the state's top engineering students** through the presentation of five academic scholarships. With the award of scholarships, ICPA hopes to recognize the best and brightest of our state's students and encourage them to consider careers in Iowa's concrete paving industry. **This year's scholarship recipients are:**

**Leilah Armstrong of Ottumwa – Civil Engineering, Iowa State University  
Graduate of Ottumwa High School in Ottumwa, IA**

**Keegan Parizek of Walford – Civil Engineering, University of Iowa  
Graduate of Prairie High School in Cedar Rapids, IA**

**Kara Kieffer of Ogden – Civil Engineering, Iowa State University  
Graduate of Ogden High School in Ogden, IA**

**Jens Dancer of Iowa City – Civil Engineering, Iowa State University  
Graduate of Iowa City High School in Iowa City, IA**

**Nathan Ross of Washington – Civil Engineering, Iowa State University  
Graduate of Washington High School in Washington, IA**

ICPA has recognized 56 students over the last 30 years with a total scholarship amount of \$63,000.

**The 2016 Portland Cement Concrete Paving Award winners are listed below by category:**

**INTERSTATE HIGHWAY CATEGORY**

**Project:** Interstate 29, Pottawattamie County  
**Contractor:** Cedar Valley Corp., LLC, Waterloo (Paving)  
Ames Construction, Burnsville, MN (Prime)

**Ready Mixed Concrete Co., Council Bluffs (Ready Mix)**

**Engineer:** David Dorsett, Iowa DOT Resident Construction Engineer, Council Bluffs  
**Jurisdiction:** Iowa Department of Transportation

**STATE ROADS CATEGORY**

**Project:** US Highway 20 / Iowa Highway 31, Woodbury County  
**Contractor:** Knife River Midwest, LLC, Sioux City  
**Engineer:** Ryan Miller, Iowa DOT Transportation Engineer Specialist  
**Jurisdiction:** Iowa Department of Transportation

**DIVIDED HIGHWAY CATEGORY**

**Project:** US Highway 20, Delaware County  
**Contractor:** Allied-Manatts Group, Charles City (Initial Paving)  
Croell, Inc., New Hampton (Final Paving)

**Steer Construction, Dyersville (Prime)**

**Engineer:** Hugh Holak, Iowa DOT Resident Construction Engineer, Manchester  
**Jurisdiction:** Iowa Department of Transportation

**CONCRETE OVERLAY CATEGORY – Secondary Highway System**

**Project:** Cherry Valley Drive (B38), Allamakee County  
**Contractor:** Cedar Valley Corp, LLC, Waterloo (Paving)  
Croell, Inc., New Hampton (Ready Mix)  
**Engineer:** Brian Ridenour, Allamakee County Engineer, Waukon  
**Jurisdiction:** Allamakee County

COUNTY ROAD CATEGORY

**Project:** 255th Avenue (M56), Dickinson County  
**Contractor:** Cedar Valley Corp, LLC, Waterloo (Paving)  
**Great Lakes Concrete, Inc., Spirit Lake (Ready Mix)**  
**Engineer:** Dan Eckert, Dickinson County Engineer  
**Jurisdiction:** Dickinson County

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION CATEGORY – Concrete Pavement Rehabilitation**

**Project:** US Highway 52, Winneshiek County  
**Contractor:** Wicks Construction, Inc., Decorah  
Iowa Erosion Control, Inc., Victor  
Croell, Inc., New Hampton (Ready Mix)  
**Engineer:** Scott Sweet, WHKS, Mason City  
Ron Loecher, Iowa DOT Resident Construction Engineer, New  
Hampton  
**Owner:** Iowa Department of Transportation

COMMERCIAL/MILITARY AIRPORT CATEGORY

**Project:** Runway 13/31, Des Moines International Airport  
**Contractor:** Flynn Company, Inc., Dubuque  
**Engineer:** Adam Wilhelm & Andrew Snyder, Foth Infrastructure, Johnston  
**Owner:** City of Des Moines

RELIEVER/GENERAL AVIATION CATEGORY

**Project:** Runway 6/24, Muscatine Municipal Airport  
**Contractor:** Manatt's, Inc., Brooklyn  
**Engineer:** Jayne DeCoste, Anderson Bogert Engineers & Surveyors, Inc., Cedar  
Rapids  
**Jurisdiction:** City of Muscatine

MUNICIPAL STREETS & INTERSECTIONS CATEGORY – More than 15,000 square yards

**Project:** 2015 Street Reconstruction Project, Cedar Falls  
**Contractor:** K. Cunningham Construction Co., Inc., Cedar Falls (Paving)  
**Benton's Ready Mix Concrete, Inc., Cedar Falls (Ready Mix)**  
**Peterson Contractors, Inc., Reinbeck (Prime)**  
**Engineer:** Randy Lorenzen, City of Cedar Falls  
**Jurisdiction:** City of Cedar Falls

MUNICIPAL STREETS & INTERSECTIONS CATEGORY – Less than 15,000 square yards

**Project:** Downtown Streetscape Improvements, Iowa Falls  
**Contractor:** K. Cunningham Construction Co., Inc., Cedar Falls  
**Concrete, Inc., Iowa Falls (Ready Mix)**  
**Engineer:** Rob Haaland, Bolton & Menk, Inc.  
**Jurisdiction:** City of Iowa Falls

TWO-WAY TIE IN SUBDIVISION STREETS CATEGORY – More than 15,000 square yards

**Project:** The Landing at Shadow Creek Plat 2, Waukee  
**Contractor:** Alliance Construction Group, LLC, Grimes  
**Central Iowa Ready-Mix, Inc., Des Moines (Ready Mix)**  
**Engineer:** Erin Ollendike, Civil Design Advantage, LLC  
**Jurisdiction:** City of Waukee

**Project:** Heritage Village at Prairie Trail Plat 1, Ankeny  
**Contractor:** Manatt's, Inc., Johnston (Paving)  
Manatt's, Inc., Johnston (Ready Mix)  
DRA Properties, L.C. (Prime)  
**Engineer:** John Nilles, Nilles Associates  
**Jurisdiction:** City of Ankeny

SUBDIVISION STREETS CATEGORY – Less than 15,000 square yards

**Project:** Rosewood, North Liberty  
**Contractor:** E & F Paving Company, LLC, Cedar Rapids (Paving)  
Harry Ambrose (Prime)

**Streb Ready Mix, Iowa City (Ready Mix)**

**Engineer:** Ron Amelon, MMS Consultants, Iowa City  
**Jurisdiction:** Johnson County

URBAN ARTERIALS & COLLECTORS CATEGORY - Less than 15,000 square yards

**Project:** Cross-Town Connector Phase 1, Fort Dodge  
**Contractor:** Wicks Construction, Inc., Decorah

**American Concrete Products, Inc., Fort Dodge (Ready Mix)**

**Engineer:** Jeremy Purvis, Snyder & Associates, Inc.  
**Jurisdiction:** City of Fort Dodge

URBAN ARTERIALS & COLLECTORS CATEGORY - More than 15,000 square yards

**Project:** Southeast Connector, Des Moines  
**Contractor:** Concrete Technologies, Inc., Grimes (Paving)

**CTI Ready Mix, LLC, Des Moines (Ready Mix)**

**CJ Moyna & Sons, Inc., Elkader (Prime)**

**Engineer:** Scott Almeida, Kirkham Michael Consulting Engineers, Urbandale  
**Jurisdiction:** City of Des Moines

PARKING LOTS CATEGORY - More than 15,000 square yards

**Project:** Truck Country Sales and Service Facility, Dubuque  
**Contractor:** Horsfield Construction, Inc., Epworth (Paving)

**BARD Materials, Dubuque (Ready Mix)**

**Portzen Construction, Inc., Dubuque (Prime)**

**Engineer:** James Kaune, IIW, PC, Dubuque  
**Jurisdiction:** Truck Country

TWO-WAY TIE IN THE PARKING LOTS CATEGORY - Less than 15,000 square yards

**Project:** Kum & Go #201, Coralville  
**Contractor:** Absolute Concrete, Slater (Paving)  
**Hawkeye Ready-Mix, Inc., Coralville (Ready Mix)**  
**Henning Companies, LLC, Johnston (Prime)**  
**Engineer:** Randy Zerr, Civil Design Advantage, LLC, Grimes  
**Owner:** Kum & Go

**Project:** Otter Creek Country Store, Robins  
**Contractor:** E & F Paving Company, LLC, Cedar Rapids (Paving)  
**Hawkeye Ready-Mix, Inc., Hiawatha (Ready Mix)**  
**Otter Creek Investments, LLC, Hiawatha (Prime)**  
**Engineer:** Tred Schnoor, Schnoor-Bonifazi Engineering, Cedar Rapids  
**Jurisdiction:** Otter Creek Investments, LLC

TRAILS CATEGORY

**Project:** Winneshiek County Trail (aka Trail from Freeport)  
**Contractor:** Wicks Construction, Inc., Decorah (Paving)  
Skyline Construction, Decorah (Prime)  
Croell, Inc., Decorah (Ready Mix)  
**Engineer:** Lee Bjerke, Winneshiek County Engineer, Decorah  
**Jurisdiction:** Winneshiek County

PARK AND INSTITUTIONAL ROADS CATEGORY

**Project:** Hawkins Drive Reconstruction, University of Iowa  
**Contractor:** Streb Construction Co., Inc., Iowa City  
**Engineer:** Eric Munchel, Shive-Hattery, Iowa City  
**Jurisdiction:** University of Iowa

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