ABC Virginia Announces Winner of 2018 Emerging Young Leader Award

In 2018, ABC Virginia introduced the annual Emerging Young Leader Award to members. The purpose of this award is to recognize an up and coming leader making a significant contribution to ABC and the wider regional construction industry each year.

To be eligible, candidates must:

- Be an employee of an ABC-VA member company
- Be 40 years of age or younger
- Attend a minimum of 3 Young Leader Networking Events and 1 General ABC-VA Networking Event
- Supply a written letter of recommendation from their employers

ABC Virginia is excited to announce the winner of the 2018 Emerging Young Leaders Award, Courtney DeCroes of Early, Cassidy & Schilling, LLC.

Courtney was hired by Early Cassidy & Schilling as a trainee in the surety department in 2010 after earning her Bachelor of Arts in Communications from James Madison University. As she began to grow her technical knowledge, she was asked to get involved with ABC as an avenue to learn more about the construction industry, client issues and to meet other members.

Courtney became involved with the Young Leaders Committee about seven years ago. During that time, she played a pivotal role in creating the signature ABC-VA Young Leader Executive Panel event, an annual event designed to connect young members with leaders in our industry, provide them with different perspectives and educate them about ways to excel. Courtney is always first to volunteer during committee meetings, has attended almost every event (both general ABC-VA networking and YL events) and is always determined to help anyone, any time. She also served on the Crabby Committee to contribute ideas to improve our annual Crab Feast. On the day she was driving back from her honeymoon, Courtney came back early so she could attend and volunteer at our Young Leaders Panel Event! That’s dedication!

“She [Courtney] was instrumental in the creation of the ABC-VA Young Leaders panel discussion. Courtney facilitated the development of a list of questions to guide the conversation. Those same questions have been used by the moderator each year.”

- Lynne Cook, Executive Vice President and Principal, Early, Cassidy & Schilling, LLC

The 2018 Emerging Leaders Award will be presented to Courtney for her exemplary achievements and outstanding professional accomplishments in ABC-VA and the construction industry during ABC-VA’s 2019 Kickoff Luncheon with ABC National Economist, Anirban Basu at The Westin in Tysons Corner, Virginia on January 15th. Members are encouraged to attend the event to hear the latest economic update and help recognize Courtney as she receives the 2018 Emerging Young Leader Award.

Congratulations, Courtney!

The Emerging Young Leader Award will reopen for application for 2019 this January. We encourage all Young Leaders to apply by the deadline to be recognized in 2020.