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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### PENNSYLVANIA AGGREGATES AND CONCRETE ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES GRADUATION OF EMERGING LEADERS ACADEMY CLASS

*Fourth class to start*

**HARRISBURG, Pa. (Dec. 11, 2024)** — The Pennsylvania Aggregates and Concrete Association (PACA) today announced its fourth class of Emerging Leaders Academy (PELA) students graduated during the association’s annual meeting in Hershey.

Selected by the PELA Board of Trustees, participants engaged in a 10-month hybrid program consisting of both online and in-person educational sessions and networking opportunities aimed at elevating potential leaders in the aggregates, concrete and cement industries, along with industry partners such as consulting engineers, equipment dealers and manufacturers, admixtures, service providers, and more. Led by instructor and facilitator Greg Coker from Greg Coker Development, class members had the opportunity to meet key industry and legislative leaders throughout the commonwealth, tour member company plants and facilities, participate in media training, and learn valuable leadership and life skills they can now bring back to their respective companies and share with their peers.

As part of the graduation requirements, PELA students must successfully complete a Capstone project. This year's class focused on the industry’s awareness and attention on mental health by delivering presentations that speak to this important topic not only in the crushed stone, ready mixed concrete, sand and gravel, and cement industries but across all professions.

“This year’s class was prepared and professional each step of the way,” said Kallie Kline, PELA liaison and PACA’s director of member services. “They asked questions, supported each other, learned from each other. There is not much more we can ask for from the industry’s future leaders. They will no doubt continue to thrive in their careers.”

The 2024 PELA graduates:

- Tyler Butterbaugh - Cambria Ready Mix Concrete LLC
- Rory Connor - Commonwealth Equipment Corporation
- Blair Dively Jr. - New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. Inc.
- Scott Hanley - Pennsy Supply Inc., a CRH company
- Ryan Helsley - Specialty Granules LLC
- Benjamin Hollister - Heidelberg Materials





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- Tommy Kirchhoff - Cleveland Brothers Equipment Co. Inc.
- Adam Lis – EARTHRES, a division of RESPEC
- Luke Medich - Heidelberg Materials
- Robert Menard - New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. Inc.
- John Milburn - Rahns Construction Material Co.
- Aliyah Rigsby - Conewago Ready Mix
- David Skarzynski - Command Alkon
- Austin Slater - Allegheny Mineral Corporation
- Will Smith - Mellott Company
- Grant Stephen - Wayne Gravel Products Inc.
- Andrew Wilson - Greer Industries Inc.

PACA would like to thank the PELA member companies who made the program possible through their generous support of time and resources:

- Allegheny Mineral Corporation
- Babst Calland
- Cleveland Brothers Equipment Co. Inc.
- EARTHRES, a division of RESPEC
- Falvey Steel Castings
- Heidelberg Materials
- Highway Equipment & Supply
- H&K Group
- Kemper Equipment
- Martin Stone Quarries Inc.
- Mellot University
- New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. Inc.
- PACA Staff
- Rohrer's Incorporated
- Stavola Companies
- York Building Products

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### **About PACA**

PACA is Pennsylvania's leading voice for the crushed stone, ready mixed concrete, sand and gravel, and cement industries' community. PACA safeguards the industry from common threats;



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expands market opportunities; trains a productive workforce; educates and communicates the value of construction materials to all Pennsylvanians; serves as the gathering place for industry stakeholders; and unites divergent interests into a shared platform for action to benefit the aggregates, ready mixed concrete and cement industries in Pennsylvania.

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