

Welcome to the Fourth Quarter!

As March Madness comes to an end and Spring in full effect, ACEC/NC begins its Fourth Quarter. For the inaugural 9 members of the ACEC/NC Junior Board, our term is coming to an end at the end of June. Each one of us are grateful for the opportunity to serve ACEC/NC in this capacity over the last two years. We greatly appreciate the support that we have received from the ACEC/NC Staff, Board of Directors, and member firms. Without your support, none of our efforts for the last 2 years would have been successful. We want to say a special thank you to our sponsor firms. With your financial support, the Junior Board was able to expand our reach and increase our programming for our second year. The financial support has greatly improved our capability to serve our Developing Professionals throughout the state and increase their participation within ACEC/NC. Because of everyone's support, we can confidently state that we believe we have laid the foundation for the Junior Board mission of promoting and developing diverse industry involvement and leadership within ACEC/NC for the years to come.

As we look to close out the Fourth Quarter strong, we want to share with you a summary of some of our upcoming plans, events, and programs that we would like to encourage developing professionals to participate in:

First, ACEC/NC Junior Board applications closed at the end of March. A new group of seven members will be selected to begin their two-year term in July. We look forward to the new Junior Board members joining the second-year members and seeing what the future holds for the new Junior Board.

Second, the second ACEC/NC FUEL NC event was just held. We were excited to increase the developing professional involvement at this event by providing free registration for developing professionals of our Junior Board partners to attend Fuel NC and continue to learn how to be involved in ACEC/NC. We continued to hold a social as part of the event to provide additional opportunities for developing professionals to interact with the leadership of ACEC/NC.

Third, we are excited to wrap up our first cohort of DP Connect in June. DP Connect is to promote networking amongst developing professionals of member firms and make the world of ACEC/NC's 11,000 employees smaller for those wanting to become more involved with ACEC/NC. If you, or a developing professional within your firm, would like to participate in the future, be on the lookout as the second cohort of DP Connect will begin in July 2024.

We look forward to a successful 2024 and hope to see you at one of our events soon!

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