

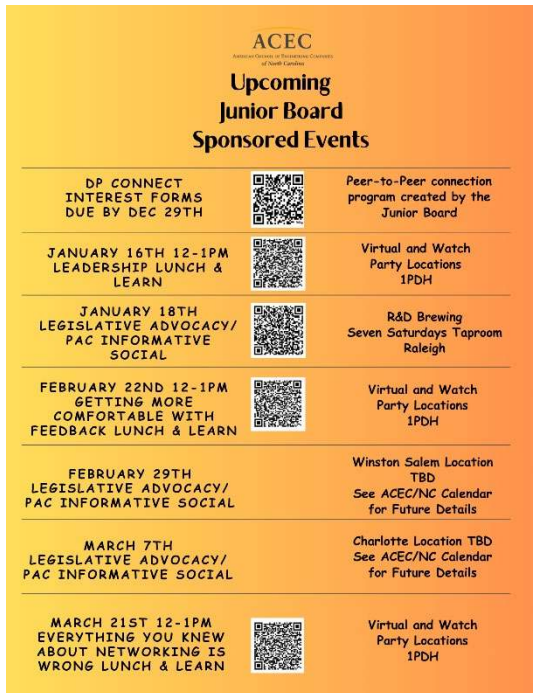
Happy New Year from the Junior Board!

We are excited to kick our programming off strong with our next round of informative socials, lunch and learns, and the launch of DP Connect. We look forward to utilizing these programs to continue our mission of promoting and developing diverse industry involvement and leadership within ACEC/NC while specifically focusing on developing professionals. Below is a summary of some of our upcoming events and programs that we would like to encourage developing professionals to participate in.

First, as we enter an election year, connecting developing professionals to the importance of legislative advocacy, ACEC's National PAC, and ACEC/NC's State PAC will be the topic of our first informative socials of the new year (event details below).

Second, we are excited to host Deputy Secretary Julie White on January 16<sup>th</sup> to speak on improving your leadership and energizing your teams. Registration links for this event and future lunch and learn events are below. These events also serve as a great way to start collecting PDH credits in 2024.

Third, we are excited to launch our new networking program, DP Connect. 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. The first cohort of DP Connect begins this month. 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.



The poster features the ACEC logo at the top, followed by the title "Upcoming Junior Board Sponsored Events". Below this, there are seven rows of event information, each containing a QR code, the event title and date, and the location and details. The events are: 1) DP Connect Interest Forms due by Dec 29th; 2) January 16th Leadership Lunch & Learn (12-1pm); 3) January 18th Legislative Advocacy/PAC Informative Social; 4) February 22nd Getting More Comfortable with Feedback Lunch & Learn (12-1pm); 5) February 29th Legislative Advocacy/PAC Informative Social; 6) March 7th Legislative Advocacy/PAC Informative Social; 7) March 21st Everything You Knew About Networking is Wrong Lunch & Learn (12-1pm).

Event Title	Date/Time	Location/Details
DP CONNECT INTEREST FORMS DUE BY DEC 29TH		Peer-to-Peer connection program created by the Junior Board
JANUARY 16TH LEADERSHIP LUNCH & LEARN	12-1PM	Virtual and Watch Party Locations 1PDH
JANUARY 18TH LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY/PAC INFORMATIVE SOCIAL		R&D Brewing Seven Saturdays Taproom Raleigh
FEBRUARY 22ND GETTING MORE COMFORTABLE WITH FEEDBACK LUNCH & LEARN	12-1PM	Virtual and Watch Party Locations 1PDH
FEBRUARY 29TH LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY/PAC INFORMATIVE SOCIAL		Winston Salem Location TBD See ACEC/NC Calendar for Future Details
MARCH 7TH LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY/PAC INFORMATIVE SOCIAL		Charlotte Location TBD See ACEC/NC Calendar for Future Details
MARCH 21ST EVERYTHING YOU KNEW ABOUT NETWORKING IS WRONG LUNCH & LEARN	12-1PM	Virtual and Watch Party Locations 1PDH

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

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