RAC WINS BIG NATIONALLY
Memorial Hospital continues to impress
ABC EIC AWARD WINNER

The ABC Excellence in Construction Awards celebration was held March 1 at the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention Center in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. More than 100 member companies were presented with awards for Excellence in Construction, Contractor of the year, Safety, and Diversity. Award winners celebrated at a black tie dinner and exclusive after party following the ceremony.

Project Manager Jason McHugh and Superintendent Rick Medlin attended the ceremony to accept the award on behalf of Roy Anderson Corp. Greg Quigley and Fred Garguilo of Memorial Hospital were also in attendance.

VISTA AWARD WINNER

Each year at the International Summit & Exhibition on Health Facility Planning, Design & Construction (PDC), the American Hospital Association’s American Society for Healthcare Engineering (ASHE) presents the Vista awards for exceptional teamwork on new health care construction, renovation and infrastructure projects. This year’s winning project for Renovation was the Memorial Hospital at Gulfport Patient Tower Expansion/Renovation.

Superintendent Rick Medlin, center, is shown above accepting the award on behalf of Roy Anderson Corp.
Roy Anderson Corp received national awards for the renovation and addition project at Memorial Hospital Gulfport. In March, the Associated Builders and Constructors presented RAC with their 2016 Excellence In Construction award. Also in March, the American Hospital Association’s American Society for Healthcare Engineering awarded RAC the 2016 Vista award for renovation.

Fred Garguilo, VP of Administrative Services at MHG, said, “Teamwork was essential to this project because we continued to see patients throughout the multi-year performance. To do that, we had to have a great deal of precise communications.” According to Garguilo, team members trusted one another to deliver on obligations and work together to develop solutions to any programs that developed along the way.

The collaborative effort was rewarding, said Ron Blitch, FAIA, FACHA, president, Blitch Knevel Architects, New Orleans. “There really was almost no conflict throughout this entire project. Everyone focused on the sole goal of patient care.”

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Roy Anderson Corp receives ABC National Safety Award

Roy Anderson Corp received the 2016 Associated Builders and Contractors National Safety Excellence Award at the ABC Excellence in Construction Awards celebration on March 1 in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Director of Safety Julie Carter was present to accept the award for RAC.

The ABC National Safety Excellence Awards recognize companies who exhibit a continued commitment to jobsite safety and whose safety performance and programs are judged to be exemplary by the ABC National Environment, Health & Safety (EH&S) Committee. Awards are based on data submitted via STEP applications, essay questions and video interviews with company Presidents/CEOs/Principals about their corporate safety culture. Award categories are based on a company's total work-hours per calendar year and placement within the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

OSHA › SILICA STANDARD

OSHA issued a new silica standard for the construction industry. This standard reduces the amount of respirable silica dust we can be exposed to over an eight-hour shift. The new rule has some specific conditions that must be met. It requires employers to use engineering controls such as water, dust collection or ventilation, and work practices to limit worker exposure; provide respiratory protection to everyone who may be exposed when controls are not able to limit exposures to the permissible level; limit access to high exposure areas; train workers; and provide medical exams to highly exposed workers.

How are we exposed to Silica?
- Chipping, hammering, and drilling in rock or concrete or brick
- Crushing, loading, hauling, and dumping of rock and concrete
- Abrasive blasting using silica sand or from the materials being blasted (concrete)
- Sawing, hammering, drilling, grinding, and/or chipping on masonry or concrete
- Demolition of brick, concrete, or masonry
- Dry sweeping concrete, sand, or rock dust
- Trenching and excavation
- Tile and grout work, using thinset, grout, stucco, colored hardeners

Training must include:
- Health Hazards: cancer, lung effects, immune system effects, and kidney effects associated with exposure to silica
- Tasks where employees might be exposed and Controls in place
- The contents of the silica standard
- The purpose and a description of the medical surveillance program
- Copies of the silica standard should be available to employees
Huff receives NAWIC award
Jessica Huff, Office Administrator – Jackson, recently received an award from the National Association of Women in Construction’s South Central Regional Membership Committee for her recruitment efforts. Jessica is the Vice President of the Jackson, Miss., chapter.

Rivers selected to serve on Education Advisory Committee
Eddie Rivers, BIM Manager, was selected to serve on the Advisory Committee for the drafting program at the Harrison County Career and Technical Education Center which is a part of the Harrison County School District. The mission of the Harrison County Career & Technical Education Center is to deliver high-level career training and employability skill opportunities, while promoting the highest level of academic achievement for students. Career and technical education programs promote creativity, skill attainment, goal setting, personal growth, and leadership roles that ensure success in the world of work and in life.

McDaniel serves second term on MHG Family Advisory Council
Mark McDaniel, Senior Vice President – Operations, has been selected to serve a second term on the Memorial Hospital at Gulfport’s Patient/Family Advisory Council. The purpose of this council is to advise and provide input on improving the patient experience, to be aware of Governmental and Regulatory Laws, rules and policies relative to patient care, and to be a voice in the community for Memorial Hospital.
Groundbreaking ceremonies held for both SUNO projects

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held for both the Natural Sciences building and the Arts & Humanities building at Southern University of New Orleans. Both projects are currently under construction with the Natural Sciences building taking off first.

Pictured top left, the groundbreaking for the Natural Sciences building was held first on Jan. 25. Bottom left is the ceremony for the Arts & Humanities building held on June 16. University representatives, Roy Anderson Corp employees, city officials and FEMA representatives were present at both events.
The last beam needed for the expansion was placed March 31. The University wanted to ensure that everyone shared a part of this occasion. The Student Union gave students the chance to leave their mark on the project by signing the beam before it was placed. Many students were able to do so between classes during the day, pictured right.

In addition to the students signing the beam, Roy Anderson Corp employees celebrated the topping out with a Safety Stand down, pictured below. Lunch was provided and special topping out T-shirts were given to all who attended.
Groundbreaking ceremony held for new casino expansion

On May 24, a ground breaking ceremony was held for latest addition to the Island View Casino Resort in Gulfport, Miss. This expansion will include 65,000 sf of smoke-free gaming space with a clear view of the Gulf Of Mexico by way of a floor-to-ceiling glass curtain wall system at the perimeter of the casino level. Located on the beach side of this resort, this project will also include a new hotel check-in lobby and waiting area, a show bar centrally located on the casino floor, a diner concept eatery and a coffee shop.
RESTORE LA
FLOOD DISASTER RECOVERY

Restore LA Pilot Home complete

Mr. and Mrs. Shelmire received repairs to their home through the Restore LA program. They are back in their home now and say they are 110% satisfied with the work performed by Roy Anderson Corp.

GROUNDBREAKING › LOUISIANA CHILDREN’S MUSEUM

Groundbreaking held for new Louisiana Children’s Museum

A groundbreaking ceremony was held May 20 for the Louisiana Children’s Museum. The new facility will be located in City Park across from the festival grounds in New Orleans, La.

It’s official!

Members of the Roy Anderson Corp team and officials for the Louisiana Children’s Museum kicked off the project on Aug. 1 with the contract-signing.
COMPLETED PROJECTS
This project included construction in both the North and South End Zones. At the North End Zone, existing stadium seating was demolished and replaced with a steel superstructure. This added 10,000 seats comprised of aluminum bleachers. The scoreboard skin was replaced with precast column covers, exterior precast skin, and metal panels for the scoreboard itself. Additionally, new precast foundation entrances were built as well as entrance gates. A technology rack was installed to house various sound/broadcast equipment. A parking lot, Walk of Champions, five concession stands, four audiovisual rooms and 135 toilet stalls in 7 bathrooms were constructed. On the South End Zone, the existing kitchen was expanded and a high-end club section with field access was construction into the south end zone. The club has booth seating, concessions, drink lockers, and a new storefront/Nana Wall System.
SEMINOLE HARD ROCK CASINO RESORT
PHASE 1 - PARKING GARAGE, PORTE COCHERE,
POKER ROOM AND CENTRAL PLANT

Tampa, FL  //  Architect: Klai Juba Wald Architects

GARAGE: A stone, EIFS and metal panel clad five-story precast garage with 717-spaces and four elevators. A new retention pond was added and changes to the adjacent surface parking accommodated the new entrance. The existing retention pond was filled and site utilities and drainage was modified to accommodate the new construction.

PORTE COCHERE: The new structure was built on auger cast piles and concrete foundations. A structural steel frame supports a decorative ceiling above the drop off area and a second floor for future use as a gaming area. The project included three new elevators, two escalators and one moving walk. The exterior consists of glass curtain wall, EIFS and stone.

POKER ROOM: The new poker room consists of restrooms, cash cage, office/storage space, food and beverage prep areas and front-of-house seating to complete the array of amenities incorporated within the design. The new poker room is situated on a ‘pedestal’ style access floor system, providing the end-user flexibility for future modifications. Above ceiling infrastructure provisions allow for suspended ceiling finishes and above ceiling mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and sprinkler systems.

CENTRAL PLANT: Construction of a new central plant include new chillers, cooling towers and switch gear to service all the new portions of Phase I.
This seven-story garage was constructed as a cast-in-place structure using conventional and post tension reinforcing. The garage contains three (3) elevators and 1,023 parking spaces. The north exterior has an EIFS wave wall and the remaining structure is exposed concrete. A Retail Shops / Connector portion was added to the scope of the project and consists of a high end corridor connecting the garage to the existing casino lobby with an accompanying retail area.
An eight-level open pre-cast, parking structure with a footprint of 41,100 sf for 914 parking spaces. A portion of the parking deck was constructed over a crawl space and utility corridor. An eight level stair and elevator tower with a footprint of 1,150 sf was constructed. An elevated bridge structure connects the stair/elevator tower to the existing Dental School Building at Level Two.
The two dealerships buildings were constructed with load bearing CMU coated with direct applied stucco. The remaining facades have aluminum framed curtainwall/storefront and metal wall panels. The interiors include finish grade paint, metal wall panels and Owner supplied FFE items. The floors in the showrooms, sales floors and offices contain porcelain tile and the floors in the service and quick lube areas contain porcelain clinker tile. The vast majority of the remaining project site was paved with concrete. Site improvements consisted of raising the entire site approximately 2 feet from natural grade, filling and diverting an existing drainage ditch and installing a network of underground detention structures, drainage and utility piping.
► Restore Louisiana  
// Baton Rouge and surrounding area, LA  
During 2016, Louisiana experienced two 1,000-year floods in a 6-month period that affected some 85% of parishes in the state. These disasters affected approximately 120,000 households. The State of Louisiana initiated the Restore Louisiana (ReLa) Program to assist Louisiana citizens affected by the floods and received $1.6 billion in federal Community Development Block Grant–Disaster Recovery funds. This program is dedicated to helping homeowners repair and restore their damaged homes.

► South Carolina Disaster Recovery Program  
// Columbia and surrounding area  
This storm recovery program is intended to repair or reconstruct, consistent with South Carolina’s HUD approved action plan, single-family housing and single-family rental units that were affected by the October 5, 2015 flood and rain event. The program is specifically designed to assist low-income South Carolinians who require assistance in the repair, replacement or reconstruction of their damaged homes. RAC is working in the capacity of a Construction Manager for the rebuild of the storm-damaged homes.

► Louisiana Children’s Museum in City Park  
// New Orleans, LA  
The Louisiana Children’s Museum in City Park will have both indoor and outdoor environmental facilities. These will include bridges, decking, decks, sensory and edible gardens, a floating classroom and a newly restored wetland area. The LEED certified building will sit on less than one acre of the eight and a half acre plot. It will overlook a lagoon. Other facilities on the new museum campus will include a literacy center, five new indoor, interactive exhibit galleries, a cafe and a parent-teacher resource center. The grounds will boast a huge, interactive chess board. This will teach children about New Orleans history. The Mighty Mississippi exhibit will tell the story of the journey of the River from the Twin Cities, through St. Louis and Memphis, through to the Port of New Orleans and the Gulf of Mexico. Guests will enter through the ‘VestiBlue,’ a nod to the museums iconic big blue doors.” The museum hopes to attract up to 225,000 visitors a year.  
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CONSTRUCTING COMMUNITY

VOLUNTEERING FOR THE HUNGRY

On July 20, several Roy Anderson Corp employees from the Gulfport office volunteered their time at the local food kitchen — Feed My Sheep. Feed My Sheep is a non-judgmental, faith based program dedicated to providing nourishment to the homeless, homebound and needy of the Gulfport area.

Even though there is no “structured religious element” of the Feed My Sheep program, the Christian Spirit is alive and well in everything that they do. They provide meals on a “no questions asked” basis. If you walk through their door in your hour of need, or request a meal for a shut-in, they provide.

RAC volunteers were Ernie Babin, Laurie Baughman, Patrice Ferguson, John Galloway, Cherish Smith and George Zorn.

HEART WALK KICK OFF

RAC held a heart healthy kick-off lunch to gear up for the American Heart Association’s Gulf Coast Heart Walk. The fundraiser will be held on Sat., Sept. 30, at Jones Park in Gulfport, Miss. Our company goal is to raise $10,000 to fight against heart disease.

COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE YEAR

Roy Anderson Corp was presented with the 2017 Gulfport School District Community Partner of the Year Award.
MISSISSIPPI GULF RESORT CLASSIC PGA CHAMPIONS TOUR

This year, Roy Anderson Corp once again sponsored the Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic PGA Champions Tour. The event was held the weekend of March 27-April 2 at Beau Rivage Resort Casino’s Fallen Oak Golf Club in Saucier, Miss., where 78 PGA tour champions competed for a purse of $1.6 million ($240,000 being the winner’s share.) Benefactors of the tournament are local charities of the Mississippi Gulf Coast with the economic impact for the area being $100 million since 2010, and estimated $15.5 million annually.

A few of Roy Anderson Corp sky box hosts were, from left, Laurie Baughman, Mark McDaniel and Gina Creel.
... so I can share time with these two guys, my grandsons — Cullen and Camden; and so that all can leave the project every day and do the same for their loved ones.

- JT Livaccari, Superintendent