

PROJECT OF THE YEAR

Chaffee Trail Middle School

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Message from the Chair



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extraordinary projects with our annual ABC Excellence in Construction awards and this year marked the 30th opportunity that we have had to highlight the First Coast's best.

The growth of our Florida First Coast chapter over the last couple of years was evident in our record-setting number of entries in this year's competition, and our record-setting event attendance. More than 550

members gathered for this year's event, to celebrate our most competitive EIC yet.

Our award winners all demonstrated innovation, leadership, safety and perseverance. Through it all, they rose above and exemplified the values of ABC and the Merit Shop philosophy.

This competition not only recognized the contractor members but also highlighted visionary owners, design teams, subcontractors, vendors and suppliers as well as the companies that support our industry by adding values that may not always be recognized but are vital.

As the "Voice of Commercial Construction", the Florida First Coast Chapter of ABC appreciates all our members and although we can only highlight a few of our member projects at this event, we recognize the value of all of our members and will continue to provide an effective platform for business development, education, legislative representation and support contractor, supplier and labor relations. ABC understands the importance of free enterprise and the Merit Shop philosophy that are such an integral part of our success and will continue to work on behalf of these principles.

On behalf of our chapter's Board of Directors, I offer our utmost gratitude to our First Coast Chapter staff and the EIC Committee who worked tirelessly to ensure another memorable evening. Along with our event partner, *The Jacksonville Business Journal* and with the support of our valued sponsors, the EIC Awards have continued in its position as the premier event that honors the highly skilled, hardworking construction professionals that are proud members of the ABC.

Congratulations to all the winning project teams for your achievements and thank you for your continuing support and involvement with ABC!



The 2025 EIC Committee



Left to right: Garrett Bedenbaugh, Cassie Donlen, George Arco, Sheryl Tschimpke, Joe Kantor, Justin Vance, Karin Hoffman, Gabby DeJesus, Tami Erlich and Jeannette Saliba

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The UF Health North 120 Bed Tower Addition and CEP Expansion, completed in November 2024, exemplifies their dedication to excellence. This six-story, 180,000-square-foot facility added 120 patient beds, including a 48-bed rehabilitation unit and a four-bed concierge medicine suite, enhancing healthcare services in North Jacksonville. Abercrombie's role as the specialty contractor for exterior framing, sheathing, waterproofing, stucco, interior framing, insulation, drywall assemblies, and acoustical and specialty ceilings was pivotal in bringing this state-of-the-art facility to life.

This project posed numerous challenges that underscore Abercrombie's qualifications for ABC's Excellence in Construction Award. The project demanded a high level of technical expertise to execute complex architectural and mechanical details, including curved exterior walls, prefabricated wall assemblies, and integration with critical healthcare infrastructure.

Through proactive planning, digital layout technology, and a collaborative approach, Abercrombie met these challenges headon, delivering high-quality workmanship, staying on schedule, and contributing to the successful opening of a major healthcare facility for the Jacksonville community.







haffee Trail Middle School is the first new middle school project funded by the voter-approved halfcent sales tax initiative passed in 2020 for the Duval County School Board on Jacksonville's westside. The school was built on a 32.3-acre site directly adjacent to an existing elementary school. Shared elements include an access road and a mechanical yard. Upgrading and sharing these elements enhances security for both schools and provides potential redundancy in HVAC chilled water service.

To the north of the project site is a neighborhood, which Gilbane separated from the school with a chain-link fence and windscreen. In doing so, Gilbane did not encounter any issues with neighbors during construction. The new facility features a shared bus loop with the existing elementary school and access to the kitchen, playgrounds, and mechanical areas. The Gilbane team carefully phased construction activities to ensure continuous access to the existing school.

The new school is a two-story, 124,259 GSF tilt-wall and steel deck building. Key features include a gymnasium with its own facilities and security for after-hours use, forty classrooms, three dean suites, an administration area with enhanced security systems for visitors, a media center,

a cafetorium, a kitchen, music and art suites, and CTE classrooms. The design also allows for classroom expansion off the CTE area. The site includes outdoor basketball, volleyball, and tennis courts, a multipurpose field with a track, and baseball and softball fields.

The Chaffee Trail Middle School project site has a distinctive and complex history. Originally used as a practice bombing range in the 1940s and 1950s, the land was later developed into a golf course. Large portions of the former golf course contained contaminated soils, which were either encapsulated or removed in accordance with the approved site plans.

During site clearing and earthwork operations, several practice bombs were discovered. As these munitions are considered property of the United States Government, they were carefully documented, secured, and transferred to the Florida National Guard. Gilbane engaged its internal munitions experts and collaborated with multiple local and federal agencies—including the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, the U.S. Navy, the Florida National Guard, and private consultants—to establish and implement appropriate safety protocols.











Merit Choice Award



The Merit Choice Award went to Gilbane Building Company for the project St. Vincent's Southside Joe Adams Roger Main Facade Restoration. The Award is given annually to a winning project that involved the most ABC member suppliers and subcontractors. Tritt and Associates was the Merit Choice Award Sponsor. Tom Tollefsen (right) presented the award to David Brewin (left) from Gilbane.

Super Supplier Award



The Super Supplier award goes to the supplier chosen by contractor members as a most valuable partner contributing to their award-winning project's success. Ennis Pellum and Associates proudly sponsored the award, which was presented by Travis Ouimet, CPA. Congratulations to Super Supplier Republic Services. Ben Revell and Eric Barbosa with Republic Services accepted the award from Ouimet, center.

Safety Award



The 2025 Safety Award was presented to Meyer Najem for Tampa Rehabilitation Hospital. HB Next sponsored the Safety Award and made the presentation. Pictured left to right are Robinson Sawyer, HB Next; Ryan Soots, Meyer Najem; Traci Hardin, Meyer Najem; Tony Middlebrooks, HB Next.

Super Associate Award



GLE Associates earned the Super Associate Award for having been chosen by award-winning contractors as a most valuable partner contributing to their success. Special thanks to award sponsor Hydro Wash 360. Adin Kikic (right), owner of Hydro Wash presented the award to GLE Vice President Jim Elliott (left).





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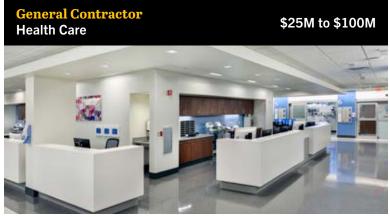
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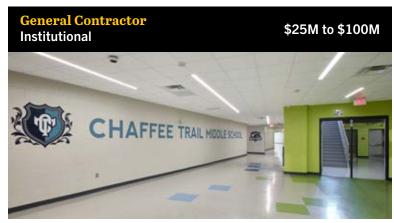






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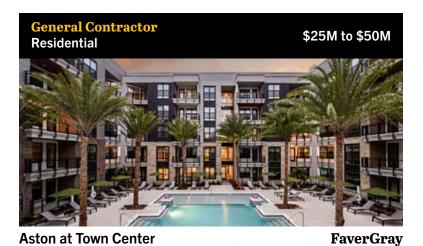
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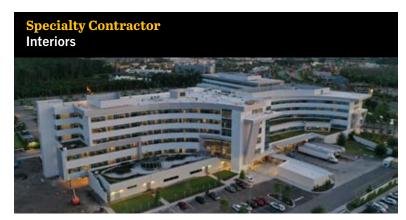
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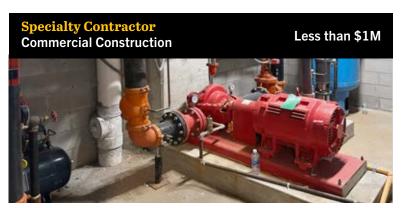


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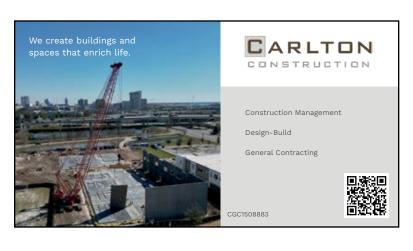
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