

MCAA
great futures
FORUM 2019

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

MONUMENTAL TALENTS



MCAA's 2019 GreatFutures Forum

The Forum will give future leaders of our industry the opportunity to take a closer look into the field of mechanical contracting and the world they can join.



MCAA Goes to Washington, D.C.!

The 2019 MCAA GreatFutures Forum will showcase our nation's history while focusing on our industry's future when it lands in the nation's capital, Washington, D.C.

There, in the world's most powerful city, innovative mechanical contractors will assemble and network with highly motivated students as they build their great futures at this Forum. With this collection of professional contractors and amazing talent holding a congress in one place, the results will be **MONUMENTAL**.

MCAA will be hosting its 3rd Annual Job Fair, where the sharpest students will network with prospective employers from the mechanical contracting industry. Many MCAA member companies will be there prepared to talk with attending students and to discuss possible internships and full-time employment opportunities.

Attendees will have up close and personal access to a number of first-class speakers purposely selected to engage and challenge your perceptions and assumptions. Illusionist, Vinh Giang, will show you how creating and cultivating the **right** influence in your lives can make the difference between success and failure. You will also hear from the first woman to fly for the Air Force Thunderbirds, Colonel Nicole Malachowski, about how she overcame seemingly impossible headwinds...and you can, too!

Students will learn about the latest technology and how it is impacting current jobs in the industry, which will be useful when attendees have the opportunity to tour and learn about the mechanical systems of a major D.C. landmark. Finally, a trip to the nation's capital is not complete without a visit to the National Mall. Add a private dinner and free time at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum and you have just received the Washington VIP treatment.

Washington, D.C. provides a wealth of unique professional and personal opportunities, which can help students' futures shine as bright as the Capitol dome. Your decision to attend may very well be a Capitol investment!

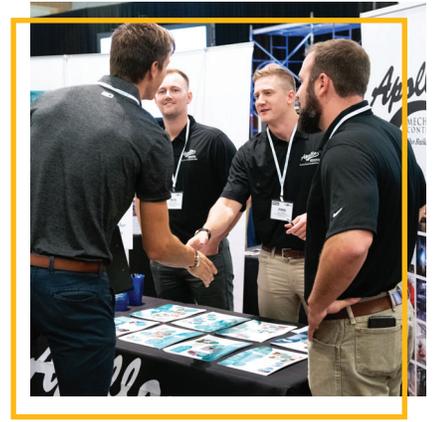
Don't miss out! Register for the GreatFutures Forum at www.mcaaevents.org/great-futures-forum.

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Thursday

September 19th



1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Registration

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM

Welcome Remarks

Jon Finch, MCAA Career Development Chairman

Brian Helm, MCAA President

3:15 PM – 4:15 PM

The Psychology of Illusion

Vinh Giang

Magic is much more than sleight of hand. It's the ability to guide perspective, spotlight influence, and challenge belief systems. With humor, heart, and captivating showmanship, illusionist Vinh Giang transforms these three powerful components and shares how creating and cultivating the RIGHT influence in our lives can make the difference between tremendous success or limited mediocrity.



Vinh Giang

Vinh's mission in business and life is to share the psychology of illusion. He has devoted himself to understanding the ways in which people are fooled by illusions and by the tricks we play on ourselves. Coming from the humble beginnings of a Vietnamese refugee family, Vinh has been mentored by internationally recognized experts in innovation and success psychology. Hearing Vinh will open your mind to new possibilities, as he takes you on an unforgettable journey through stories, remarkable insights into human psychology, business and the wonderful art of illusion.

Thursday

September 19th

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

DiSC™ Session

Jon Finch

Effective communication is a key factor in your future success. Your ability to positively interact with your coworkers, friends and family is impacted by your awareness and understanding of behavior styles. Everything DiSC™ is an instrument and process to help you identify behavior styles, and more importantly, how to use this knowledge to ensure successful outcomes in a range of endeavors. Jon Finch will provide you with an experiential session focused on proven behavior styles you can use immediately. Learn about yourself and how you can effectively engage with multiple different styles to produce positive results at work or at home.

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Dinner

Sit with different DiSC™ personalities and put to use what you learned at the dinner table.



Friday

September 20th

7:45 AM – 8:30 AM

Breakfast

8:30 AM – 11:00 AM

MCAA Job Fair

MCAA member companies from across the U.S. will be on hand to discuss internship and full-time job opportunities with students. They will spend the morning networking, learning about the company culture, and gearing up for their future in the industry.

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Faculty Advisors Program

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Virtual Design and Construction

While many construction programs provide a good overview of the concepts of project management, it is nearly impossible for them to stay abreast of the dynamic, fast-paced changes in the Virtual Design and Construction (VDC) process as it is practiced and refined in a modern mechanical contracting company. In this session, Jonathan Marsh from William T. Spaeder in Erie, PA will share a VDC roadmap typical of the process so critical to today's mechanical contractors.



Friday

September 20th

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Lunch

2:30 PM

Buses Leave for Tour

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Washington, D.C. Mechanical Tour

Students will be given an exclusive look of the mechanical systems of a D.C. landmark.

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Free Time at National Monuments

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Air and Space Museum

Take the time to explore the world's largest collection of aviation and space artifacts, located in the heart of D.C. Enjoy free time and dinner with peers.



MCAA's GreatFutures Forum is the place where MCAA members and students come together for the best employment opportunities! It's where the serious business of your great future comes face-to-face with the serious fun of meeting new people and future employers!

Saturday

September 21st



8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Breakfast

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Student Competition Session

Learn the scope of this year's student competition, and gain insight on how to best manage a real world contracting bid.

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Harnessing Headwinds of Change

Colonel Nicole Malachowski

In flying, headwinds slow you down. At their worst, they cause you to change your plans and impact the effectiveness of weapons in combat. Headwinds demand that pilots be resilient and resourceful, literally on the fly. Colonel Nicole Malachowski will inspire you to think differently about the headwinds of change you face – organizationally and personally. Drawing on her extraordinary Air Force career, Nicole will candidly offer lessons on leadership, followership, and overcoming adversity. She will help ignite your own indomitable spirit in order to succeed far beyond what you have ever dreamed.



Colonel Nicole Malachowski

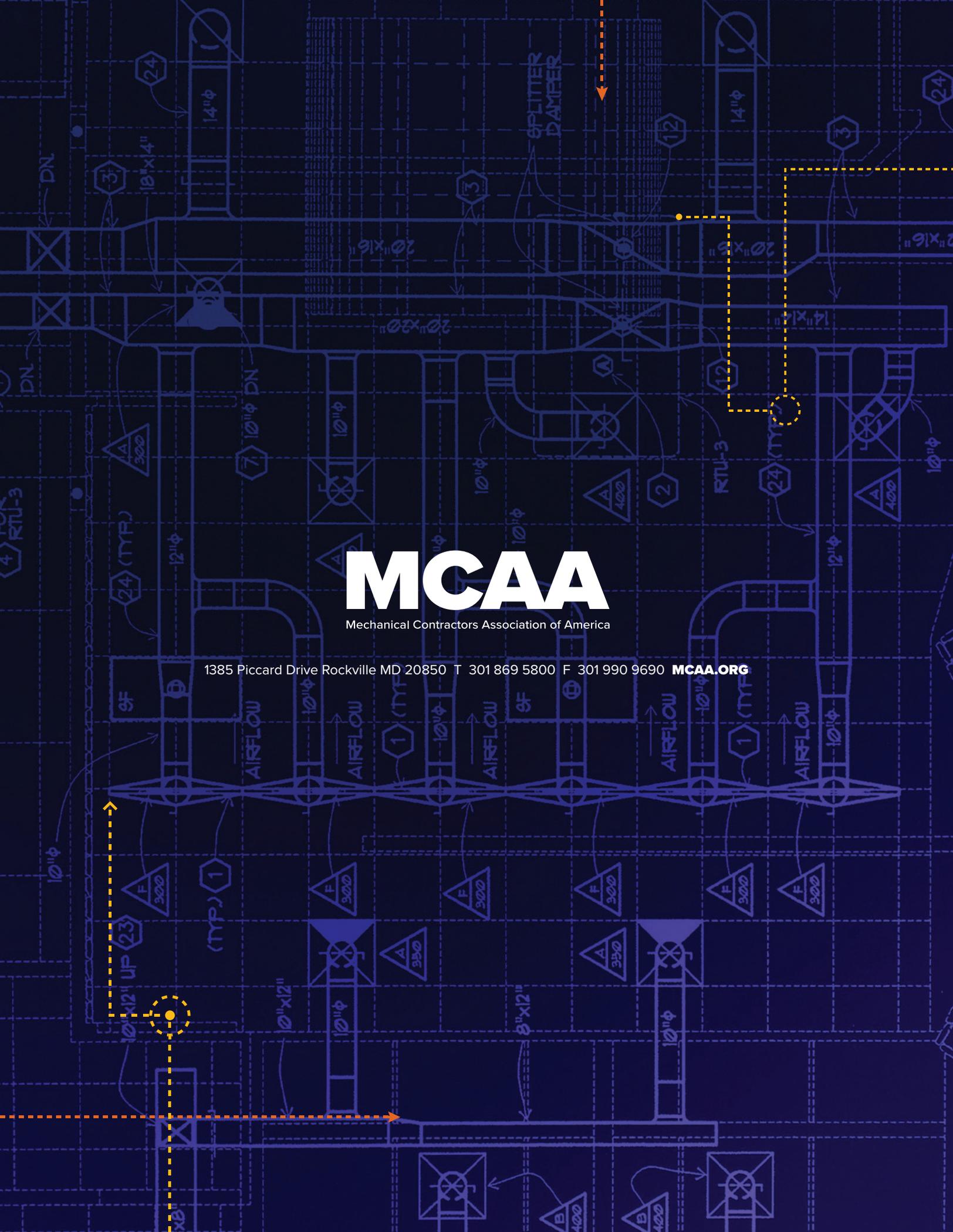
Col. Nicole Malachowski, USAF, Ret., was the first woman to fly on any Department of Defense military jet demonstration team. As a former fighter squadron commander and mission-ready pilot in three operational fighter squadrons and the first woman Air Force Thunderbird Air Demonstration Squadron pilot, Nicole learned to Harness the Headwinds of Change.



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