

Matt Lee Earns 2016-2017 Young Leadership Program Member of the Year

Remarks made by Randy Hall, 2016-2017 President of AGC Georgia, during the award presentations at the association's Annual Convention on Monday, June 12, 2017.

As many of you know and have first-hand experience with, our YLP is a very hardworking group of professionals. One member has earned the honor of being the YLP Member of the Year for exceptional contributions in one or more areas of the program's three key objectives; Charitable Works, Leadership Development and Networking.

Almost two years ago our Young Leadership Program submitted an ambitious application to host AGC of America's national conference for emerging leaders in our industry. Our chapter was selected, and the conference was held in Atlanta in October 2016. The event was a tremendous success, setting a record for attendance by young leaders across the country and solidifying the conference's reputation as a premier professional development opportunity.



The driving force behind the organization of that three-day meeting—and the person most responsible for its success—is this year's AGC Georgia Young Leadership Program Member of the Year: Matt Lee, project manager with Young Contracting.

Matt worked relentlessly to secure and to arrange logistics for jobsite tours of both the Mercedes-Benz Stadium and SunTrust Park. He coordinated content with the professional development speakers, secured sponsorships to offset the chapter's costs, and stepped up at the last minute to fill a gap in the program by volunteering to moderate a panel of other young leaders.

In addition to his work on the national Leadership Development Conference, Matt has also spearheaded the YLP's charitable project for the Baker family. One-year-old Bo Baker has a rare and incurable genetic disease known as AGS. Matt saw a family in need of help, brought it to the attention of the YLP, and is administering the YLP's donation of in-kind services and \$20,000 to retrofit the family's home to meet Bo's special needs.

This past year Matt also continued his service on the AGC Georgia Political Action Committee Board of Trustees and became a member of the AGC of America Business Development Forum Steering Committee.

He remains involved at his alma mater, Georgia Southern University, where he currently serves on the Alumni Association Board of Directors, the Alumni Association Scholarship Committee, and the Civil Engineering and Construction Management Industry Advisory Board. In spring of 2017, he was recognized among Georgia Southern alumni as one of the "40 Under 40" demonstrating excellence and leadership in the community.

For 2017, he is number one among AGC members under forty.

For Matt's leadership and determination to make the YLP and our industry a better place, it is my pleasure to recognize him as the 2017 YLP Member of the Year.