



Trowel Talk

The Official Newsletter of
Plasterers' Local No. 200

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Winter 2022

David Casey appointed as Local 200's New Business Manager



Due to his retirement, Business Manager/Financial Secretary Tom Castleman has appointed David Casey to finish out his term as Plasterers' Local 200 New Business Manager. Casey's been with the union since 1995. He's been the apprenticeship coordinator, superintendent for Mirage Builders Inc. Then becoming a Business Agent in 2012. Tom has been preparing Casey for quite some time now. The Officers & Staff of Plasterers' Local 200 wish you the best of luck Casey!



2021 & 2022 Apprenticeship Graduation Ceremony

On Saturday, November 19th, 2022 The Southern California Plastering Institute Apprenticeship & Training Trust in conjunction with Plasterers' Local 200 presented The Class of 2021 & 2022 Apprenticeship Graduation & Awards Ceremony at the Mission Inn in Riverside, CA.

2021 Graduating Apprentices

Dancy Aguilon ~ Caston Inc.
Victor Alvarado Jr. ~ Platinum Inc.
Ulises Baltazar-Madriral ~ Caston Inc.
Marcus Burruel ~ Ondatje Plastering
Miguel Chamale ~ Perlite Plastering
Antonio Contreras-Padilla ~ Superior Wall Systems
Manolo Mejia-De La Cerda ~ Caston Inc.

2022 Graduating Apprentices

Florentino Arreola ~ KHS&S
Luis Arias-Perez ~ Superior Wall Systems
Steven Barrera Jr. ~ Nevell Group Inc.
Francisco Diaz ~ Superior Wall Systems
Luis Godinez-Ponce ~ Raymond Southern CA
Raul Granados ~ Cell Crete Fireproofing
Henri Hernandez-Navas ~ Caston Inc.
Migdale Hernandez-Recinos ~ Orange County Plastering
Francisco Lopez ~ KHS&S
Jordi Parra ~ Platinum Inc.
Miguel Rogel ~ Raymond Southern CA
Brandon Soto ~ KHS&S

Apprentice of the Year Award



Dancy Aguilon – Class of 2021



Steven Barrera & Luis Godinez-Ponce – Class of 2022

2022 Continuous Service Award



70 Year recipient Robert C Shoden was not able to attend the ceremony. We asked him to send us a picture with his honorary 70 year plaque.

**PLASTERERS' LOCAL 200 WOULD LIKE TO
CONGRATULATE THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS FOR
THEIR YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE:**

25 YEARS

Pedro A Campos
Jose M Gomez
William R Hilton
James A Lee
Ezequiel Rodriguez
Vincent A Soria

30 YEARS

Felipe Cueto
Paul E Franks

50 YEARS

Shawn M Croshaw
Juan M Morales

70 YEARS

Wendel Krader
Robert C Shoden

A Special Thank You to:

Caston Inc.

Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' International Association

Plasterers' Local 200

Western Wall & Ceiling Contractors Association

Zenith American Inc.

RUSSELL NICHOLSON - THE LOSS OF A GOOD MAN

By: William Rogers, OPCMIA V.P. – Retired

Russ Nicholson was initiated into the Santa Ana Local as a plasterer apprentice in 1973. For the next 23 years he practiced and perfected his craft. He worked on residential and commercial projects, ultimately running work as a foreman; and was on the ground floor when Theme Plastering really began to take off in Southern California.

In 1996 I had the privilege of appointing Russ as a Business Agent. He had taken an interest in promoting and strengthening our Union, he volunteered to help with apprenticeship training, including building mock-ups for the annual State-wide Contest. He brought a fresh perspective to the organizing of new members and training of existing ones. With his experience in theme-work, he organized several journeyman upgrading events to help ready our members for the new Disney Theme Park, California Adventure, which employed over 100 Local 200 members at its peak production. Russ became not only my right-hand, but the right-hand of each of the Business Managers who followed me as we organized, trained, and represented plasterers throughout Southern California.

Russ retired as a Business Agent in 2014, but was elected to remain as a Trustee to the Southern California Plastering Institute Pension, H&W, and Training Trust Funds through 2018. He, along with the other Labor and Management Trustees, were instrumental in improving retirement and medical benefits for our members.

An avid outdoorsman, Russ spent his retirement with his family and catching up on the hunting and fishing trips he had postponed for so long. Russ passed away on September 9, 2022. Our sincere condolences go out to his wife, Betty and their children and grandchildren.

A Union is a group of people working together to improve the lives of everyone in the group. Russ was an integral part of focusing our group, and was an example of leadership, dedication, and of a life well lived. Without good people like Russ, a Union is no more than an unorganized crowd.

Thank you, Brother; Rest in Peace!





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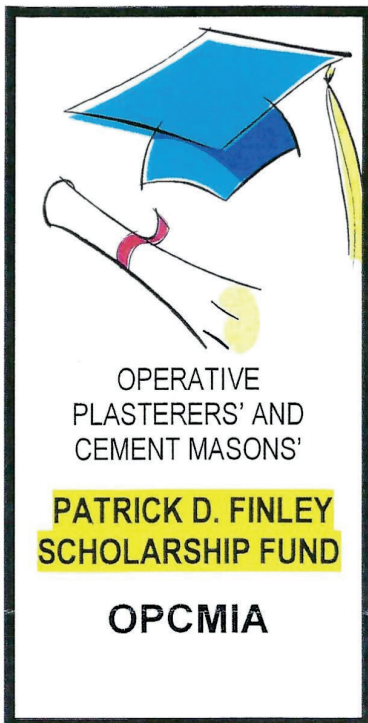
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Plasterers' Local 200 sends their condolences
on the passing of Active/Retired Plasterers in 2022:

FRITZ H. ALBRECHT
GILBERT GALLEG0
GILBERTO MELGAREJO
ANDREW MORALES JR

PATRICK M NICHOLSON
RUSSELL NICHOLSON
ELISEO A VARGAS



14th Annual Scholarship Application Form

Please complete this form promptly and return it to International Headquarters no later than **April 1, 2023**. *The winners will be notified July 2023 and announced in the Summer JOURNAL.*

If you cannot provide some of the information requested, be sure to explain fully.

AN APPLICATION OR RELATED DOCUMENTS POSTMARKED LATER THAN APRIL 1 WILL **NOT** BE ACKNOWLEDGED OR CONSIDERED

SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED
TO FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS ONLY

THE APPLICATION FORM IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE:

www.opcmia.org

ATTENTION!

Members want to keep up to date with the Union's news, new job opportunities, etc. Then join our members only group right on our website. www.PL200.org, go to the MEMBERS link. Then Sign Up (make sure the Union has your email for approval). Once approved you'll find the latest members posts and links for job openings like Disney, LA Housing Authority, LA City & other Public Agencies.



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