

FROM PCI HEADQUARTERS

Khan named education, publications coordinator

PCI has hired Fariyal Khan as education and publications coordinator, effective March 16.

In this role, Khan coordinates knowledge management activities, including navigating PCI's learning management system, maintaining education department records, and reporting of employee data. She also supports the PCI Educational Activities Council by fulfilling all administrative requests, such as preparing course materials and handling education shipments. In addition, she supports the council by assisting PCI members with education-related needs, such as course enrollment, attendance reporting, and publication orders.

Khan brings experience in office administration, event management, and learning management system navigation from prior internships, applying administrative and interpersonal skills in her daily work.

She holds a degree in business administration and psychology from Elmhurst University in Elmhurst, Ill.



Fariyal Kahn

PCI supports seventh *fib* Congress, members eligible for registration discount

PCI is supporting the seventh *fib* (International Federation for Structural Concrete) Congress, which will take place June 15–19, 2026, in Lisbon, Portugal. The congress theme, Structural Concrete 2050: Towards Carbon Neutrality, AI Design, and Robotic Construction, highlights the role of sustainability and emerging technologies in the future of concrete structures.

PCI members are eligible to receive the same registration discount offered to members of *fib*. Additional information about the congress is available at fiblisbon2026.pt.

Salvo Awarded FPCA Fellowship

The Florida Prestressed Concrete Association (FPCA) honored Lenny Salvo of Coreslab Structures with the FPCA Fellowship Award March 23 at its 2026 Winter Meeting in Orlando, Fla.

The fellowship recognizes individuals whose leadership, service, and dedication have made a lasting impact on the prestressed and precast concrete industry and on FPCA.

Salvo brings more than 40 years of industry experience, having advanced from a part-time drafter to his current role as vice president and senior sales representative.

He has contributed to the industry through mentorship and committee service, including leadership roles with FPCA and PCI.

Florida Prestressed Concrete Association (FPCA) president Miles Zeman, left, honors Lenny Salvo of Coreslab Structures with the FPCA Fellowship Award March 23 at its 2026 Winter Meeting in Orlando, Fla. Courtesy of Melissa Whissell, Finfrock.



PCI installs new board of directors at convention

In February, at the 2026 PCI Convention at the Precast Show, PCI welcomed new board members and said goodbye to the outgoing board members.

Cheryl Lang, president and chief executive officer of Tindall Corp., was installed as the new PCI board chair. Mike Wolff, vice president of Basin Precast, was installed as secretary/treasurer, and nine others were elected as new board members, including Jared Brewe of S.K. Ghosh Associates as professional member director; Sean Dixon of High Concrete Group as at-large member; Rich Fitzgerald of Blakeslee Prestress as associate member director, erector; Matt Huslig of Coreslab Structures (MIAMI) as Membership Council representative; Steve Kloos of Wells-Brighton, Colo., as producer member director, PCI Mountain States; Jim Miller of Mid-States Concrete Industries LLC as institute program director, quality activities; Jon Mohle of Clark Pacific as institute program director, research and development; James Reinbolt of Coreslab Structures (LA) Inc. as producer member director, PCI West; Ali Shrih of Mid-States Concrete Industries as producer member director, PCI Illinois/Wisconsin; Lee Wegner of Contech Engineered Solutions/Rinker as institute program director, transportation activities; and Jeff White of Florence Concrete Products as producer member director, Georgia/Carolinas PCI.



Cheryl Lang, 2026 PCI chair, receives the ceremonial gavel from outgoing 2025 PCI Chair Carlos Cerna in February at the 2026 PCI Convention at The Precast Show in Kansas City, Mo.

Outgoing board members are Adam Bauer, Bryan Campbell, Erin Clark, Ned Cleland, Jim Fabinski, Brandon Farley, Dean Gwin, Troy Jenkins, Andrew Osborn, and Colin Van Kampen.

2027 MARIO J. BERTOLINI LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION AWARD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

>> To honor the legacy of Mario J. Bertolini, an icon of the precast concrete industry, PCI established the Mario J. Bertolini Leadership and Innovation Award. Bertolini was president of a major precast concrete manufacturer for many years and chairman of PCI in 1989. The award will be presented next February at the 2027 PCI Convention.

at the Precast Show in Salt Lake City, Utah. Nominations are being accepted through June 30, 2026. The criteria for this award and the nomination form are available at https://www.pci.org/PCI/About/Awards/Mario_J_Bertolini_Award. For more information, contact Tracy Holloway, PCI's administrative assistant, at tholloway@pci.org.

2025/26 BIG BEAM CONTEST CALL FOR ENTRIES

>> The PCI Student Education Committee is inviting entries from students to participate in the Engineering Student Design (Big Beam) Competition for the 2025/26 academic year. Each student team must work with a PCI producer member to build a precast/prestressed concrete beam that is 20 ft long. The beams will be tested and prizes awarded for best performance in the stated areas.

Students must discuss both the structural design and the concrete mixture proportions for the beam. For more information, visit <https://www.pci.org/BigBeam>. Interest forms must be submitted by May 22, 2026, and final reports are due to PCI by June 5, 2026. The winning team will be recognized at the 2027 PCI Convention at The Precast Show in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Sritharan named 2026 PCI Distinguished Educator

Sri Sritharan, Anson Marston Distinguished Professor and Wilkinson Chair of Interdisciplinary Engineering at Iowa State University (ISU) in Ames, is the recipient of the 2026 PCI Distinguished Educator Award.

This award recognizes his exceptional contributions to PCI's educational mission through his leadership in teaching, research, and the mentoring of future academic leaders and professionals in precast and prestressed concrete.

Sritharan began his career coteaching the prestressed concrete course at the University of California San Diego (UCSD), where he became actively involved in the PRESSS (Precast Seismic Structural Systems) program spearheaded by PCI. Then, in 1999, Sritharan joined the ISU faculty as an assistant professor. In 2005, he became an associate professor. He became the Grace Miller Wilson and T. A. Wilson Endowed Engineering Professor in 2008. After that, in 2010, he became a full professor, and he has been the Wilkinson Chair since 2016.

Sritharan has secured millions in research funding and authored more than 300 publications. He has supervised more than 75 graduate students at ISU, with more than half of these students focusing their master's or doctoral research on precast and prestressed concrete. Today, many of Sritharan's former students are, themselves, educating the next generation and conducting their own research at universities around the world.

Sritharan has also supported ISU student engagement through PCI fellowships, PCI Conventions, and the PCI Big



Jason Lien, chair of the Educational Activities Council, left, and Carlos Cerna, outgoing chair of the PCI Board of Directors, right, present Sri Sritharan, center, with the 2026 Distinguished Educator Award in February at the 2026 PCI Convention at The Precast Show in Kansas City, Mo.

Beam Competition. ISU students have participated in the PCI Big Beam Competition since 2004.

In 2003, Sritharan was the first recipient of PCI's Young Educator Achievement Award, which is now known as the PCI Educator of the Year Award. PCI has also recognized his work and the work of his students with many other prestigious awards, including George D. Nasser Award in 2016, the Harry H. Edwards Industry Advancement Award in 2001, and multiple Martin P. Korn Awards.

Sritharan has an MS from the University of Auckland in New Zealand and a PhD in structural engineering from UCSD.

He was presented with the award in February at the 2026 PCI Convention at The Precast Show in Kansas City, Mo.

2027 PCI MEDAL OF HONOR CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

>> The PCI Medal of Honor award was established to honor a person who has made extraordinary contributions to PCI and the precast concrete industry. The nominees for the Medal of Honor shall have made a highly significant contribution to the precast concrete structures industry and shall have demonstrated a sincere continuing interest in the institute. The award will be presented

next February at the 2027 PCI Convention at the Precast Show in Salt Lake City, Utah. Visit https://www.pci.org/PCI/About/Awards/PCI_Medal_of_Honor for more information and nomination criteria. Nominations are being accepted through June 30, 2026, and should be sent to Tracy Holloway, PCI's administrative assistant, at tholloway@pci.org.

2027 PCI EDUCATOR AWARDS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

>> PCI's educator awards program recognizes the work of academic professionals who exhibit a commitment to precast concrete in their graduate and undergraduate classrooms.

Nominations must include recommendation letters, an updated curriculum vitae or resume, and additional information. PCI Distinguished Educator and PCI Educator of the Year Awards are currently accepting nominations. The awards

will be presented next February at the 2027 PCI Convention at the Precast Show in Salt Lake City, Utah, and nomination forms must be submitted by September 21, 2026. Nomination forms are available online at <https://www.pci.org/EducatorAward>. For more information about the educator awards program, contact Bekki Missaggia, education manager, at bmissaggia@pci.org.

PCI 2026 Educator of the Year awarded to Loreto

PCI has presented Giovanni Loreto, associate professor in the Department of Architecture at Kennesaw State University (KSU) in Kennesaw, Ga., with the 2026 Educator of the Year Award.

Since KSU launched its PCI Studio program under Loreto's leadership in the fall of 2020, more than 1000 KSU students have engaged in PCI-integrated coursework, including a groundbreaking course Loreto teaches on advanced concrete fabrication. Today, the KSU architecture program ensures that its students are introduced to precast and pre-stressed concrete concepts during their second and third years through strategically revised core courses.

Encouraged by Loreto, more than 120 KSU students have participated in PCI national and regional events. Loreto also leverages his relationships with Georgia/Carolinas PCI and industry partners to help KSU students explore all aspects of the precast concrete industry through site visits and hands-on experiences.

Loreto's dedication to education is also evident in his volunteer work for PCI. He is a member of PCI's Student Education, *Ascent* Advisory, and Innovation Committees, and he served on the task force for the new PCI architecture design competition, Design Precast, which debuted in 2024. He has attended the past five consecutive PCI Foundation professor conferences, hosting the 2022 event at KSU.



Jason Lien, chair of the Educational Activities Council, left, and Carlos Cerna, outgoing chair of the PCI Board of Directors, right, present Giovanni Loreto, center, with the 2026 Educator of the Year Award in February at the 2026 PCI Convention at The Precast Show in Kansas City, Mo.

Loreto's research focuses on novel construction materials, structural performance evaluation, and sustainable construction while integrating structural concepts within the architectural design process.

Loreto earned his master's degree in architectural engineering and his PhD in civil engineering from the University of Naples Federico II in Naples, Italy.

He was presented with the award in February at the 2026 PCI Convention at The Precast Show in Kansas City, Mo.

2026 T. HENRY CLARK AWARD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

>> Nominations for the T. Henry Clark Award, to be presented at the 2026 PCI Committee Days Conference, September 9-12, in San Antonio, Tex., should be submitted to qualityprograms@pci.org by May 22, 2026. The T. Henry Clark Award nomination form is available at <https://www.pci.org/PCI/About/Awards/Clark>. The T. Henry Clark Award was established to recognize an individual, group of individuals, or firm that has delivered a resource

that improves or enhances the quality of precast concrete products or processes. T. Henry Clark believed in quality and quality processes, and this award is to recognize those who create or promote quality in a way that would have made him proud. For more information, contact Mike Wolff, the PCI Quality Activities Council chair, at mike@basin-precast.com or Bartlomiej Krol, PCI managing director of quality programs, at bkrol@pci.org.

2027 PCI FELLOWS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

>> The PCI Fellows recognition is awarded to individuals who embrace the values of the institute, who have provided continuous outstanding contributions to the U.S. precast concrete industry, and who have demonstrated exceptional service to PCI.

Service to the industry may be considered in the areas of education, research, design, and/or production. PCI is accepting nominations for PCI

Fellows, to be presented next February at the 2027 PCI Convention at the Precast Show in Salt Lake City, Utah. Nominations are being accepted through June 30, 2026. The criteria for this award and the nomination form are available online at https://www.pci.org/PCI/About/Awards/PCI_Fellows. For more information, contact Tracy Holloway, PCI's administrative assistant, at tholloway@pci.org.

TAC adds eight new members

The Technical Activities Council (TAC) welcomed new members during the first in-person meeting of 2026 in February at the 2026 PCI Convention at The Precast Show in Kansas City, Mo. Under the leadership of TAC chair Rich Miller, the selection of members was conducted in alignment with the updated TAC Commission approved in June 2025.

The new members include Rick Brice, Dave Larsen, Mike Owings, Bob Peterman, Chad Van Kampen, Heidi Ziemann, Jon Mohle as Research and Development Council liaison, and Clay Naito as Transportation Activities Council liaison.

“We extend our deep appreciation to the outgoing members: John Lawler, Andrew Osborn, Mary Ann Griggs-Smith, Tim Salmons, Steve Seguirant, and Venkatesh Seshappa,” says Amy Trygestad, staff liaison and PCI’s technical services vice president. “Their dedication to upholding the technical integrity of the PCI body of knowledge is vital to maintaining PCI as the preeminent authority on precast and precast, prestressed concrete.”

Dayton Superior, Afinitas get associate member awards

The 2026 PCI Premier Supplier/Services Associate Member Award went to Dayton Superior, and the 2026 PCI Supporting Supplier/Services Associate Member of the Year Award went to Afinitas.

With a century-long legacy and a portfolio of more than 17,000 products, Dayton Superior empowers construction worldwide. This dedication shines through in their active engagement at PCI events, strategic advertising, sponsorships, and consistently setting the standard for excellence and leadership in the field.

Afinitas provides pipe and precast concrete manufacturers worldwide with advanced production equipment, engineered forms, a service program, and a wide range of accessories. With more than 500 team members across global facilities, Afinitas combines engineering expertise and manufacturing know-how to deliver solutions that strengthen infrastructure and support long-term success for customers and team members alike.

These awards recognize associate members for significant contributions to PCI and the precast concrete industry over time.

University of Maryland team wins PCI Design Precast

Brandon Bosaz’s and William Walker’s plan for a precast concrete living/learning community they call Innovation Innovillage captured the top prize in the second annual PCI Design Precast contest. Walker and Bosaz presented their winning design in February at the 2026 PCI Convention at The Precast Show in Kansas City, Mo.

In the competition, college architecture students explore innovative uses of architectural precast concrete enclosure systems in structural, sustainable, and artistic ways. Teams of two or three students present their designs in the form of elevations and three-dimensional building information modeling.

Students are encouraged to work with a local PCI-certified precast concrete producer to learn about the design-assist method, precast concrete production, and the colors and textures needed to complete the design.

“Going into it I didn’t really know a lot about precast concrete beyond parking garages,” Bosaz says. “I didn’t know there were more building types and applications we could do using precast concrete. This forced us to think outside the box and create something that traditionally I would not conceive as a total-precast structure.”



Brandon Bosaz, left, and William Walker won first place in the 2026 PCI Design Precast competition. They presented their winning entry in February at the 2026 PCI Convention in Kansas City, Mo.

2026 SIDNEY FREEDMAN CRAFTSMANSHIP AWARD CALL FOR ENTRIES



PCI is accepting entries for the 2026 Sidney Freedman Craftsmanship Award. Launched in 2012, the award recognizes PCI-certified plants for excellence in manufacturing and craftsmanship of architectural precast or glass-fiber-reinforced concrete structures and individual components. Any kind, size, or type of structure and/or element may be entered. Judging is based on success in overcoming

obstacles to production, solutions to formwork or finishing challenges, and quality of individual components. Therefore, entries should include source documents, shop drawings, production photos as well as finished project photos to fully demonstrate the complex solutions implemented for the project. For more information, visit <http://www.pci.org/SFCA>. The deadline for all entries is June 1, 2026.

Walker credited Lloyd Kennedy of Finfrock for discussing sustainability with the team and suggesting how to implement it in the design.

The top three Design Precast teams were all from the University of Maryland. Second-place finishers were Andy Huynh, Thach Pham, and Kevin Xu. Third place finishers were Abby Heng, Bonnie Tran, and Catlinh Tran.

The 2026 PCI Design Precast competition is currently accepting applications through May 8, 2026. Learn more at <https://www.pci.org/archcomp>.

PCI recognizes 10 new Fellows at convention

The PCI Board of Directors recently named 10 members PCI Fellows, honoring them for outstanding contributions to PCI and to the precast concrete structures industry. The new PCI Fellows are Krista Brown, Kevin Eisenbeis, Fouad Fouad, Corey Greika, Troy Jenkins, Eric Matsumoto, Brian Miller, William Nickas, Dave Schneider, and Sri Sritharan. They were recognized in February at the PCI annual membership meeting and luncheon during the 2026 PCI Convention at The Precast Show in Kansas City, Mo.

Brown is a licensed professional engineer in Washington and Idaho and an independent consultant and technical editor for PCI. Her career includes construction management, more than 20 years of teaching, and design engineering in precast concrete. Her doctoral research contributed to updates in prestressed concrete bridge design software and camber prediction methods adopted by the Idaho Department of Transportation. Brown has supported PCI through committee service, including the Student Education and Industry Handbook Committees, and as a longtime technical editor for *Aspire*, contributing technical reviews and publications. She holds a BS in civil engineering and an MS in soils engineering from Iowa State University in Ames,



Krista Brown

Iowa, and a PhD in civil engineering from the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho.

Eisenbeis recently retired as national bridge practice leader for Burns & McDonnell headquartered in Kansas City, Mo., following a career of more than four decades. He has extensive experience in major river bridges and has contributed to precast concrete bridge design and specifications. Eisenbeis has been active in PCI since the 1980s, including serving as chair of the Bridges Committee and on the Transportation Activities Council. He was a key contributor to *The State of the Practice Report on Box Beam Bridges*, the 2024 report on adjacent beam bridges, and updates to the *PCI Bridge Design Manual* chapter on railroad structures. He also represented PCI as the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' (AASHTO's) T-10 Concrete Committee revised chapter 5 of the *AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications*. He holds a BS and MS in civil engineering from the University of Missouri–Rolla, now the Missouri University of Science and Technology.



Kevin Eisenbeis

Fouad is professor emeritus of the School of Engineering at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) and chief scientist at Valmont Industries. He spent his academic career at UAB, where he also served as chair of the Department of Civil Engineering. He was inducted into the Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame in February 2025. Among his many research and technological accomplishments, Fouad developed centrifugally cast prestressed concrete poles for electric transmission and distributions structures and obtained seven patents for this work. Working with the Alabama Department of Transportation, he also helped develop a novel prefabricated precast concrete bridge system; a new precast, prestressed concrete haunched girder system; and the fatigue design of overhead sign structures. Fouad chaired PCI's Prestressed Concrete Poles Committee for decades and guided the development of key standards and publications. He holds an MS in civil engineering from the University of Texas



Fouad Fouad

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

>> The PCI Research and Development Council is soliciting applications for the 2026/27 Daniel P. Jenny Research Fellowships and the Dennis R. Mertz Bridge Research Fellowship programs. The fellowship awards consist of grants of up to \$50,000 and are anticipated to advance the precast concrete industry through the financial support of graduate engineering students and research. Ancillary award benefits include engaging

faculty in the precast concrete industry, introducing students to the benefits of precast concrete, and connecting students, faculty, and PCI members for future networking opportunities.

The application period opens in early April, and submissions are due July 24, 2026. Complete information is available at <https://www.pci.org/Fellowships>.

at Austin and a PhD in civil engineering from Texas A&M University in College Station.

Greika is vice president and general manager of Coreslab Structures (INDIANAPOLIS) Inc. He began his career with Tindall Corp. in Jonesboro, Ga., and Conley, Ga., before joining Coreslab in Indiana. Greika has been an active PCI leader, serving as chair of the Marketing Council and as a member of the PCI Board of Directors and contributing to initiatives such as the Exceptional Precast Practices program. PCI awarded Greika the inaugural PCI Marketing Individual Achievement Award in 2024. He holds a BS in civil engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.



Corey Greika

Jenkins is vice president and chief engineer of Northeast Prestressed Products LLC, formerly Schuylkill Products, in Cressona, Pa. He began his career with Schuylkill Products in Cressona and has contributed to major precast concrete bridge projects, including projects that used accelerated bridge construction (ABC). Jenkins has served PCI in leadership roles including chair of the Transportation Activities Council and the Bridge Producers Committee and is currently a member of the PCI Board of Directors. He holds a BS in structural design and construction engineering technology from Pennsylvania State University in Harrisburg.



Troy Jenkins

Matsumoto is a professor of structural engineering in the Department of Civil Engineering at California State University Sacramento. Earlier in his career, he served as a U.S. Air Force officer, technical director, and research structural engineer, developing precast and reinforced concrete protective systems subjected to nuclear and conventional weapons effects. He also worked as a design structural engineer at Fluor Daniel Inc. in Irvine, California. A longtime PCI contributor, he has served on the Bridges Committee, coauthored the first and second editions of the *PCI State-of-the-Art Report on Seismic Design of Precast Concrete Bridges*, and contributed



Eric Matsumoto

to the *PCI Bridge Design Manual*. Eight years ago, Matsumoto received the PCI Foundation's first precast concrete bridge-focused curriculum grant and established the Precast Bridge Studio at Sacramento State. His leadership in this industry-immersion program earned the 2022 PCI Foundation Community Engagement Award. An advocate for the advantages of precast concrete for ABC, he initiated and led National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) project 12-74, Development of Precast Bent Cap Systems for Seismic Regions, in collaboration with the University of California San Diego. He holds a PhD in structural engineering from the University of Texas at Austin.

Miller is a sales and business director at Chryso in Las Vegas, Nev. He previously served in leadership roles at PCI, where he helped launch market research programs, webinars, and *Ascent* magazine. Miller remains active in PCI leadership, serving on the PCI Board of Directors and chair of the Market Research and Metrics and Associate Supplier/Services Member Committees. He holds a BS in civil engineering from Cleveland State University in Ohio and an MBA from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Ill.



Brian Miller

Nickas is managing director of transportation services for PCI in Chicago, Ill. He leads PCI's transportation initiatives and serves as staff liaison to the Transportation Activities Council and multiple technical committees, as well as to the National Concrete Bridge Council and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). He is also editor in chief of *Aspire* and an FHWA National Highway Institute instructor.



William Nickas

Previously, Nickas served as state structure design engineer for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in Tallahassee, Fla., where he was responsible for statewide bridge design policy, standards development, and approval of major bridge projects. He also led structural engineering support for post-Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts. His work has been recognized with the American Segmental Bridge Institute Leadership Award and the FDOT Sustained Exceptional Performance Award. Nickas has also served as chair of the

2026 PCI MARKETING AWARDS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



The PCI Company Marketing Achievement Award and the PCI Individual Marketing Achievement Award recognize both organization expertise and individual brilliance, spotlighting visionary marketers, exceptional campaigns, and forward-thinking strategies that leverage the power of marketing to revolutionize the precast concrete industry. These awards not only recognize past achievements but also serve as a catalyst,

inspiring the industry to embrace innovation, inclusiveness, and cutting-edge marketing methods. PCI is accepting nominations for these awards, to be presented at the 2026 PCI Committee Days Conference, September 9-12, in San Antonio, Tex. Nominations are due May 22, 2026, and forms are available at <https://www.pci.org/PCI/About/Awards/Marketing.aspx>. For more information, please email questions to marketing@pci.org.

AASHTO Concrete Technical Subcommittee and as a voting member of the AASHTO Subcommittee on Bridges and Structures. He holds a BS in civil engineering from The Citadel in Charleston, S.C.

Schneider is vice president of engineering at High Concrete Group LLC in Denver, Pa. He began his career at Stone & Webster Engineering Corp. in Boston, Mass., before joining High Concrete. He was instrumental in developing the industry's first 15 and 16 ft (4.6 and 4.9 m) wide double tees for parking structures and for 20 years, he also served as a lecturer at Pennsylvania State University's Harrisburg campus. Schneider has contributed extensively to PCI through committee service, including chairing the Building Code Committee and participating in ACI/PCI 319, *Structural Precast Concrete—Code and Commentary*, development. He holds a BS in civil engineering from Villanova University in Villanova, Pa., and an MS in civil engineering from Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pa.



Dave Schneider

Sritharan is the Anson Marston Distinguished Professor and Wilkinson Chair of Interdisciplinary Engineering at Iowa State University in Ames. He began his academic career at the University of California San Diego in La Jolla, where he was involved in the PRESSS (Precast Seismic Structural Systems) program before joining Iowa State. His work has been supported by major agencies, such as the National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy, and the Federal Highway Administration. Sritharan's pioneering research has led to several key advances in the precast concrete industry, including the expansion of jointed precast concrete construction concepts into systems such as the precast concrete wall with end columns and hybrid framing systems, which have been incorporated into American Concrete Institute seismic design standards. His collaboration with the California Department of Transportation resulted in new design details for the use of precast concrete bridge girders in seismic regions. He also established minimum confinement reinforcement requirements for precast concrete piles that have become an industry standard. In the energy sector, Sritharan has led the development of precast concrete wind turbine towers, which offer a sustainable, high-performance alternative to steel towers. More recently, he has demonstrated that ultra-high-performance concrete can be used to produce innovative components such as tapered H piles and to strengthen post-tensioned box-girder bridges and seismic abutments. Sritharan has served on multiple PCI committees and chairs the Journal Editorial Advisory Committee. Sritharan has received multiple Martin P. Korn Awards, the George D. Nasser Award, the Educator of the Year Award, and the Harry H. Edwards Industry Advancement Award



Sri Sritharan

from PCI, as well as the American Society for Civil Engineers' T. Y. Lin Award. He holds an MS from the University of Auckland in New Zealand and a PhD in structural engineering from the University of California San Diego.

Seraderian receives PCI Medal of Honor

Rita L. Seraderian, retired executive director of PCI Northeast, was presented with the PCI Medal of Honor in February at the 2026 PCI Convention at the Precast Show in Kansas City, Mo. The PCI Medal of Honor recognizes a person who has made extraordinary contributions to PCI and the precast concrete industry.



Rita Seraderian

She began her career as a project manager, first with A. J. Lane & Co. in Framingham, Mass., and then with Lonestar/San-Vel Concrete Corp. in Littleton, Mass., where her research on hollow-core behavior as a cantilever informed her graduate work.

After that, Seraderian served as executive director of PCI Northeast for 35 years, retiring in 2024. During her tenure, she played a critical role in expanding the use of precast concrete bridge technologies and was instrumental in the development of the northeast bulb tee (NEBT) beam and the northeast extreme tee (NEXT) beam, which has been widely adopted by departments of transportation (DOTs) across the United States and Canada. Under her leadership, PCI Northeast produced numerous technical resources that support accelerated bridge construction. Today, DOTs rely on many of these resources to facilitate accelerated bridge construction techniques that serve the public interest by saving time and money and minimizing the inconvenience of infrastructure projects for surrounding communities.

In addition to her work at the Northeast regional level, Seraderian has served on more than 30 PCI national committees and councils, including the Transportation Activities Council, Regional Directors Council (past vice chair), Marketing Council, Bridge Committee, Continuing Education Committee (past chair), Student Education Committee, and Online Academy Committee (past chair).

She has also supported PCI's educational mission through university outreach, research collaboration, and professional training programs.

Seraderian was named a PCI Fellow in 2009. In 2011, she received the Robert J. Lyman Award for coauthoring "Development of the Northeast Extreme Tee (NEXT) Beam for Accelerated Bridge Construction" for *PCI Journal*.

Seraderian earned a BS in civil engineering from the University of Massachusetts Lowell and an MS in structural engineering from Northeastern University in Boston, Mass.

PCI CALENDAR

Events

PCI event details are subject to change. For the most current information, visit <https://www.pci.org/events>.

PCI Productivity Tour Sheraton Waterside District, Norfolk, Va.	May 4-7, 2026
2026 PCI West Summer Board Meeting Woodland, Calif.	May 20, 2026
PCI Foundation Professors Conference Salt Lake Marriott Downtown at City Creek, Salt Lake City, Utah	May 26-29, 2026
2026 Precast Concrete Manufacturers Association Summer Meeting Location TBD	May 28-30, 2026
PCI Board of Directors Meeting Kimpton Arras Hotel, Asheville, N.C.	June 24-26, 2026
Production Leadership Summit Skirvin Hotel, Oklahoma City, Okla.	July 21-22, 2026
2026 Florida Prestressed Concrete Association Summer Meeting Hyatt Regency Coconut Point, Bonita Springs, Fla.	July 23-26, 2026
PCI Mid-Atlantic Summer Meeting National Harbor, Md.	August 6-7, 2026
2026 PCINE Fall Meeting Manchester, Vt.	September 2-3, 2026
2026 PCI Committee Days San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter, San Antonio, Tex.	September 8-12, 2026
2026 Precast Concrete Manufacturers Association Fall Meeting Location TBD	October 15-16, 2026
2027 PCI West Annual Board Meeting Las Vegas, Nev.	January 20, 2027
2027 PCI Convention at The Precast Show Salt Lake Marriott Downtown at City Creek, Salt Lake City, Utah	February 1-5, 2027

PCI personnel training and certification schools

PCI School event details are subject to change. If you have any questions about the quality control school schedule or need help completing registration, please contact PCI's continuing education coordinator at education@pci.org. Register at https://www.pci.org/qc_schools.

Levels I and II	May 20-22, 2026 June 15-18, 2026 August 10-13, 2026 October 21-23, 2026 November 16-19, 2026	Chicago, Ill. online online Nashville, Tenn. online
Level III	May 19-22, 2026 July 13-16, 2026 October 20-23, 2026 December 14-17, 2026	Chicago, Ill. online Nashville, Tenn. online
Certified Field Auditor	September 28-October 1, 2026	online
Certified Company Auditor	October 2, 2026	online