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## Students Network, Study and Learn at Newly Constructed Hancock College Prep High School

Mayor Lori Lightfoot, the PBC and other community leaders officially opened and toured the new John Hancock College Prep High School building in the Garfield Ridge neighborhood on Chicago's Southwest Side.

The new state-of-the-art building, 5437 W. 64th Pl., replaces the previous Hancock High School and includes 28 standard classrooms, diverse learning classrooms, two computer labs, four suites for subjects such as science, music, art, and health. In addition, the campus includes rooms for extracurricular activities where students can dance, practice sports and fitness, a gymnasium, library, media center, theatre, elevators for accessibility, and extra support spaces.

"This celebration serves as an important investment in the long-term success and bright future of our students from the Southwest Side," Lightfoot said in a statement. "I, alongside Alderman Quinn, Dr. Jose Torres, and members of the community are beyond proud to deliver new, modern facilities and educational resources to support these students and their families just in time for the first day of school."

The 173,000 sq. ft. high school opened its doors on August 30th and can accommodate more than 1,000 students. The PBC managed the construction of the project, which was developed by the design-build team of K.R.M./ALL Joint Venture.

"The new John Hancock High School was built during a very unique time, and I am grateful for the wonderful team members who stepped up to support our agency, and each other. I often say that for the PBC, its bottom line is people, and how we invest in our communities. I thank our Design Build Team, KR Miller/ALL Masonry JV. Having a Minority Prime Contractor such as ALL Masonry, as part of the Joint Venture team, was paramount to this project. As a result, this JV team achieved over 40% MBE/WBE participation," Carina Sanchez, PBC Executive Director said.

Sanchez went on to say that this included 26 MBE/WBE firms for an investment of over \$25M. On the construction of Hancock, 113 community residents worked on the Project. They include a variety of trades and approximately 13,000 hours of trades work was completed by residents of the 13th Ward.

"As the public developer for the project, I am elated to deliver another facility that highlights the PBC's commitment to providing great public buildings for the residents of Chicago. I particularly enjoy when we get the opportunity to deliver a modern, cutting-edge facility, such as this one, where students can network, study and learn," said Sanchez. "The PBC is proud to complete the construction at Hancock College Preparatory High School. The new facility helps to reinforce the school's importance as a community anchor and vital part of the neighborhood. Students now have an opportunity to enjoy a space for learning and academic activities."



## From Bricklayer to Owner of a Multimillion Dollar Company



**Luis Puig, Jr.**  
President of A.L.L. Masonry Construction Group

peak season, A.L.L. Masonry Construction Group employs a diverse group of approximately 400 workers. Puig was able to utilize a large portion of this workforce during the recent joint venture with KR Miller for the completion of John Hancock College Prep High School.

"We were able to complete the job and meet the schedule established by the PBC with our own workforce of bricklayers and carpenters. This in-house resource sets us apart from other general contractors and Hancock High School is an excellent example of how well we utilize the talent we have in our organization," Puig said.

Puig has a knack for identifying talent and for the second year in a row, A.L.L. Masonry is hosting the Spec Mix Bricklayer 500 Regional Competition where established and up and coming craftsmen and women have an opportunity to showcase their skills for cash and prizes. More information on the October 14, 2021, contest can be found here <https://www.specmix.com/spec-mix-bricklayer-500/2021-illinois/>

"This event helps fuel our outreach efforts to get these kids interested in the trades," Puig said. "We are looking forward to hosting approximately 300 young people from a variety of different areas in Chicago, where we are offering them an opportunity to learn about masonry and see firsthand how rewarding this career can be."

This is one example of how Puig is supporting the next generation of contractors and offering a

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diverse group of individuals an opportunity to get a foothold into the industry.

"I'm also joint venturing with a lot of small minority firms - mentoring them to the next level," Puig said. "Starting as a bricklayer and having the opportunity to work in all aspects of the family business, it has helped me appreciate the industry and give me the desire to mentor more young people. The Hancock project was a perfect example of how to run a successful project, interact with subcontractors and allow up and coming contractors an opportunity to learn and grow."

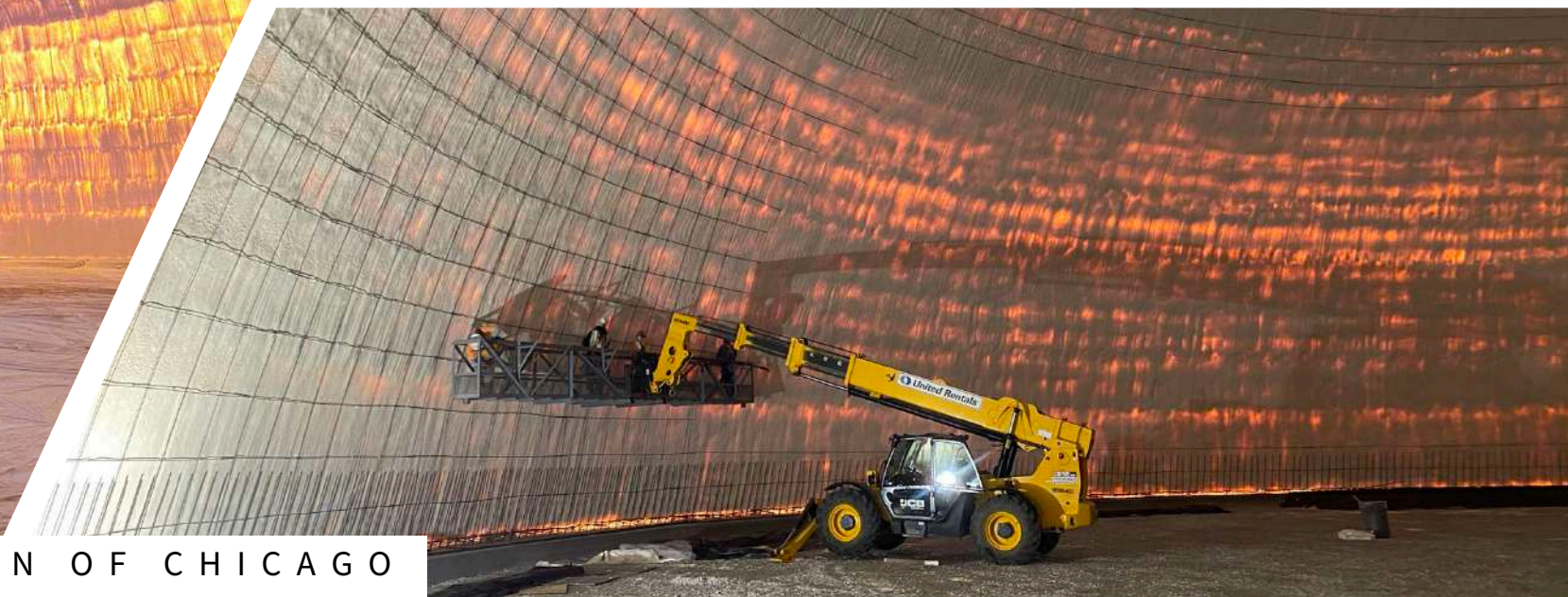
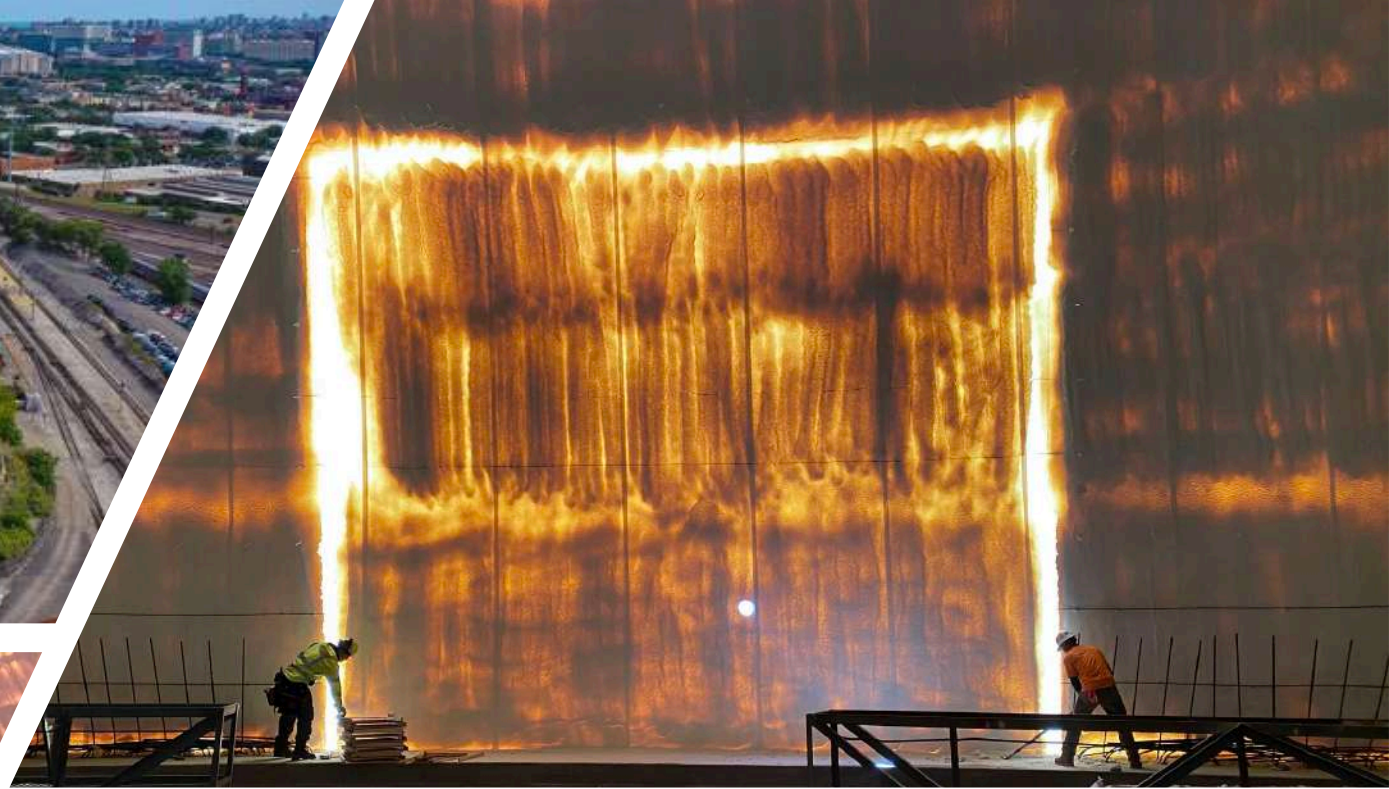
Luis Puig currently serves on the board for the Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the International Masonry Institute, Masonry Contractors Association of Greater Chicago, Illinois Concrete Producers Association of America, and he is an Illinois State Representative for the Mason Contractors Association of America. Luis also previously served as a board member of the Construction Industry Service Corporation.



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