

Construction Careers Center, AGC presented 'Mayor's Award' for their pioneering approach

St. Louis — The Construction Careers Center and the Associated General Contractors of St. Louis have been awarded the St. Louis "Mayor's Award" for their pioneering approach to diversifying the construction

industry and enhancing workforce development in the City of St. Louis.

The award recognizes St.

Louis businesses, labor unions and other organizations that contribute to the growth and redevelopment of the city and

act as a catalyst for economic development in the region.

The Construction Careers Center — the first charter high school in the St. Louis region — is sponsored by the AGC and St. Louis Public Schools.

The center's four-year curriculum was designed by the construction industry to prepare students for entry into direct employment, a construction apprenticeship training program, a community college or a four-year degree institution.

The school, which welcomed its first class of freshmen in 2001 and graduated its third class of seniors in 2007, currently serves 440 students.

CCC students Alexis Lewis and Demarco Haynes accepted the award on behalf of

their school at the St. Louis Business Celebration Luncheon 2007 held recently at the Renaissance Hotel. The award was presented by St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay and City Development Director Rodney Crim.

"To receive this award just six years after accepting our first students is nothing short of amazing," said AGC President Leonard Toenjes.

"This recognition proves once again that the Construction Careers Center is a shining example of our industry's commitment to opening doors for young people who want to challenge themselves with a career in the construction field," Toenjes said.

The AGC of St. Louis represents more than 450 firms in the construction industry.



Construction Careers Center students Alexis Lewis (second from left) and Demarco Haynes (second from right) were presented the "Mayor's Award" for their school's pioneering approach by St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay (left) and City Development Director Rodney Crim at the St. Louis Business Celebration Luncheon 2007.