

About the 2021 PWC CT Award Honorees



Woman of Achievement

Cathie Ellithorpe

**Principal, The S/L/A/M
Collaborative**

Catherine J. Ellithorpe is a Principal of The S/L/A/M Collaborative and member of the SLAM Construction Services Board of Directors. With the firm since 1994, Cathie serves as a Project Manager, with expertise in both public education and corporate architecture, guiding the

comprehensive programming, design, development and documentation of construction packages, specifications, and coordination of consultant services. She enjoys working closely with clients leading teams of architects, engineers and consultants to provide comprehensive, highly efficient and sustainable solutions specifically tailored to the client's needs. Cathie is on the AIA Connecticut Board of Directors, a member of the Connecticut Building Congress, where she served as the second female president of the organization, a member of Professional Women in Construction and is appointed to the Suffield Permanent Building Commission. She holds a Bachelor of Science, Building Science and a Master of Architecture from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.



Rising Star

Jackie Quesada

**National Healthcare Industry Coordinator,
Whiting-Turner**

Jackie started her career with Whiting-Turner as a project accountant in 2007 after a short stint through a temp agency. Not satisfied with that career path, she put herself through school to earn her degree to become a Project Engineer – all while working full time and raising four young children. She proved her competency as a project management team member for over five years working with their teams on prestigious projects for clients such as the Connecticut Science Center, Department of Public Health, University of Connecticut and Jackson Laboratory. In 2019, Jackie decided to set her sights on a national role with Whiting-Turner's Industry Excellence program and now serves as their National Healthcare Coordinator, involving her direct interaction with executive management as well as project leaders across the country. Her ambition and hard work through these very diverse roles have set a very stable and promising career path for her future.



Excellence in Mentoring

Taylor Gladding

Project Manager, Gilbane Building Co.

Taylor has nine years of experience in the Construction Management industry, all with Gilbane. She initially joined Gilbane as an intern and was hired full-time as an Office Engineer in 2013 after graduating from the University of Connecticut with a BE in Civil Engineering. Based on her exemplary performance, Taylor was quickly promoted into the role of Project Engineer and recently elevated into her current role as

Project Manager where she continues to excel. Taylor's most notable mentoring accomplishments include championing Gilbane's Connecticut office summer internship program that helps leads to new talented hires and implementing innovative student engagement programs on her multiple successful K-12 projects, most recently for the Town of South Windsor. Taylor recently served as a panelist the past two years for Central Connecticut State University's 093 certification program for aspiring school Superintendents where she offered her knowledge and experience on what school leaders should know about school design and construction and her insights on how to build successful projects. She is also an active participant and mentor with industry organizations including PWC, ACE, and AGC Young Contractors.

Taylor's strongest attributes that contribute to her excellence in mentorship are that she is empathetic, approachable, caring, passionate, and knowledgeable. She is steadfast in teaching key industry skills including communication, client satisfaction, eagerness to learn, and leadership, seeing these all as critical pillars to success in construction management. Mentorship is a continuous commitment that she applies everyday in her fast-growing career that enhances everyone else around her. She is adamant about making sure she makes a difference in all the lives of the people she meets and the project teams she works with, helping pave the way for younger Gilbane employees and peers.

Taylor enjoys multiple hobbies including hiking/backpacking, biking, yoga, volleyball, cooking, puzzles, beer tasting, and yardwork. Her and her fiancé are looking forward to getting married in 2021 at their home.



Volunteer of the Year

**Roxanne Perugino, LEED, ID & C
Senior Project Planner, STV-DPM**

Roxanne is a Senior Project Planner with STV | DPM, Inc., a client-oriented Owner's Representative consulting company that provides project management, strategic real estate and facilities planning services to corporate, municipal and institutional clients. STV | DPM specializes in pre-construction planning, program management, construction administration, space programming, portfolio management,

Furniture Fixture & Equipment (FF&E) consulting and relocation management. Roxanne's role as Senior Project Planner is to provide advanced team leadership, manage the budgeting, scheduling, design, bidding, renovation, selection of furnishings, fixtures, equipment and relocation requirements. Roxanne directs and coordinates the activities of the project team to ensure that the project progresses on schedule and within the prescribed budget. Her focus is on complex relocation and FF&E assignments and moderate to large scale TI projects. Roxanne has over 29 years of diverse experience. She is a LEED Accredited Professional (Commercial Interiors and Construction) and holds degrees in Accounting (Northwest Community College) and General Studies (University of Connecticut). Roxanne is a Past President of PWC CT and currently serves on the Scholarship committee. She also serves the Advisory Board for Construction Management at Central CT State University.