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John R. Lawson, II inducted into the National Academy of Construction



Newport News, VA – W. M. Jordan Company's Executive Chairman [John R. Lawson, II](#) was inducted into the **National Academy of Construction (NAC)** on October 29, 2020. This prestigious honor celebrates elite members who have shown commitment and made outstanding contributions to advancing the construction industry.

The Academy's new member election process is extensive and thorough. Lawson's induction is in response to his NAC industry peers' personal recommendation and support. Lawson was elected for being an, *"Experienced leader renowned for the development of a corporate culture of excellence, employee development, and community involvement as well as academic advancement in higher education."*

Read Lawson's full NAC profile [here](#) and learn more about NAC [here](#).

Lawson is actively engaged in the community. He and fellow NAC member Ross Myers founded the Myers-Lawson School of Construction at Virginia Tech. Lawson is currently the Chairman of Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters (CHKD) \$60 Million Mental and Behavioral Health Capital Campaign and serves on the board of directors for TowneBank, Myers-Lawson School of Construction at Virginia Tech, CEO Roundtable, The Mariners' Museum and the Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center. John was the Co-Chair for the Virginia Tech \$1 Billion Comprehensive Campaign and Chairman for Christopher Newport University's \$67 million Comprehensive Campaign.

Under his guidance, W. M. Jordan Company has earned recognition as an ENR Top 400 Contractor in the U.S. for the past 35 years. In 2018, W. M. Jordan Company was named Contractor of the Year by ENR Mid-Atlantic, reflecting the firm's culture of excellence, employee wellness and development, and giving back to the community. In recognition of his achievements and contributions to the construction industry, ENR's team of regional editors selected Lawson as the recipient of ENR MidAtlantic's first Legacy Award in 2015.

Formerly the president and CEO of W. M. Jordan, Lawson announced his move to executive chair in 2018 to pave the way for the next generation of growth and operational excellence at the firm. His focus now is on advancing innovation and development opportunities throughout the region.

Since 1958, W. M. Jordan provides construction management, design-build, development, virtual construction, sustainability and contracting services to a diverse clientele in Virginia and the Carolinas. The company offers industry-leading strategies for green initiatives, supplier diversity, virtual and augmented reality, preconstruction services, design-build solutions and public-private partnerships.

W. M. Jordan Company's unique employee-focused business model is defined by its guiding philosophy of "The Relentless Pursuit of Excellence", which requires continuous creativity, innovation, and improvement. The firm is dedicated to the concept of lifelong learning, developing future leaders through its corporate intern program, promoting good health and teamwork through its wellness program, and by giving time and resources to the community. Visit www.wmjordan.com for more information.

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