

**FALL 2009 NEWSLETTER**

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**EMPLOYER SHOWCASE –**

Over thirty construction, engineering and computing employers attended the **College of Computing, Engineering and Construction Fall 2009 Employer Showcase** on October 15. The biannual recruiting event was held in the new UNF Student Union ballroom. The CCEC Employer Showcase is the premier opportunity for students and construction industry project managers, human resources representatives and principals of computing, engineering and construction firms to network. Over 250 CCEC students attended the event and 116 of those were



Construction Management students. The next CCEC Employer Showcase will be held in March 2010. For Information about the CCEC Employer Showcase or for assistance recruiting students and graduates of the College of Computing, Engineering and Construction, contact **Rebecca Johnson, Career Coordinator** at **904-620-2955** or email:

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**SCHOLARSHIPS** – Twelve Construction Management students received merit-based scholarships during the Fall 2009 - Spring 2010 semester. Congratulations to the recipients and thank you to the donors! Scholarships were awarded to the following recipients:

- Joseph D’Acquisto - American Society of Highway Engineers (ASHE) Endowed Scholarship**
- Duy Cao, Kaitlin Knox, Daniel Mathia, Braughton Webb - Elkins Constructors Inc. Endowed Scholarship**
- Hau Nguyen, Matthew Young - Haskell Endowed Scholarship**
- Derek Hedman, Michael Lamma - Miller Electric Company Annual Scholarship**
- Kyle Boivin - Retail Contractors Association Scholarship**
- David Blackwelder, Aaron Cavinder - Stellar Endowed Scholarship**

## COMMUNITY BASED LEARNING –



Four University of North Florida Construction Management students traveled to the Philippines in July to work on the second phase of the **St. Anthony’s Learning and Development Center** construction project in conjunction with the project’s founder, UNF School of Engineering alumnus, **Noel San Antonio**. The three week long Transformational Learning Opportunity served as a for-credit internship for the four Construction Management students, **Johnathan Brown, Ryan Kirk, Hau Nguyen, and Gordon Stasack** (a recent graduate as of Summer 09).

Before their departure for the Philippines, the four engaged in pre-planning which included scheduling, estimating, and procurement of supplies for the addition to the concrete block school in Bulacan. Once onsite, they directed the work within a 22-day build schedule using hand tools and working in heat, humidity and in between sudden downpours.

**Ryan Kirk** shared some of his thoughts about the differences in working conditions

and construction techniques on the students’ blog: “Construction techniques here in the Philippines are much different than in the US. Labor is chosen over machine in just about every way. Concrete is mixed by hand using the sand and aggregate that is unloaded from trucks by hand and then set into place by hand. The re-bar is cut by hand, bent by hand, and tied together by hand. Labor is abundant, so it makes it so much cheaper to use rather than equipment which is expensive to buy, rent and run. We only have basic hand tools on site such as shovels, hammers, pliers, tape measure, and string and we are still able to create a sturdy building.”



This project gave the Construction Management interns an opportunity to use the knowledge obtained in the Building Construction Management program while working on a cross-cultural team and making a life transforming impact on the community in Bulacan. You can read more about this Transformational Learning Opportunity on the students’ blog at <http://projects.ccec.unf.edu/stanthony/> . The students took some amazing photographs of the region’s flora and fauna as well as their construction efforts. Don’t miss the outstanding photos on the web gallery: <http://projects.ccec.unf.edu/stanthony/gallery/main.php>.

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## CM WEB GALLERY /CCEC YOUTUBE –

The **Construction Management Web Gallery** at <http://gallery.ccec.unf.edu/cm/main.php> is the place to see Construction Management students at work and interacting with the local construction industry. Take a look at past Transformational Learning projects, such as the **Alden Road Exceptional Student Center Gazebo Project** (at left) and **Youth Crisis Center Touchstone Village**. Be sure to check out the photos from Construction Management Study Abroad trips and Employer Showcases, too! And, the University of North Florida College of Computing, Engineering and Construction is now on **YOUTUBE!** Check it out!  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fLeNagp3Q-Q>



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## NAHB –

Construction Management students are gearing up for the 2009-2010 Residential Construction Management Competition at the annual NAHB International Builders' Show in Las Vegas, Nevada. The event takes place January 19 – 21. Construction Management students will apply learned skills to a real construction project by completing a management proposal which they will present and defend to the judges. The six member UNF Construction Management Team will be selected on October 29 from a field of 18 students competing for positions on the team.

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## Alumninet –

Over 60 Construction Management alumni have joined the Construction Management Department **Alumninet**. This is your opportunity to stay in touch with other grads! If you are a Construction Management alumnus, let us hear from you. If you know a grad who's not on the Alumninet, refer them here:

<http://projects.ccec.unf.edu/cm/alumni/index.php>.



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## ADVISORY COUNCIL -

Ten members of the **Construction Management Advisory Council** attended the September 18 meeting. Dr. Malek welcomed new members, **Paul Cook, David Hacker, William Schaet, and Ryan Schmitt**. The State of the Department report included news of scholarships awarded, AGC and NAHB initiatives and a discussion of Community Based Learning projects in the works for 2009-2010. Future projects include continued work at the **Alden Road Exceptional Student Center** and a new collaboration between Construction Management students, **Builders Care, Jaxport** as well as work with the **Boselli Youth Life Learning Center**.

The following industry representatives serve on the **Construction Management Advisory Council** :

**Pat Arrington, R. J. Griffin & Company**  
**Steve Auld, Auld & White Constructors, LLC**  
**Scott Baldwin, Stellar**  
**Christine Beaudoin, Kiewit**  
**Jeffrey W. Blount, Haskell**  
**Bill Bocchino, STT Construction Group**  
**Travis Church, Hubbard Construction Company**  
**Paul Cook, Sauer Incorporated**  
**David Hacker, Construction Specialties of North Florida, LLC**

**Dan W. Haskell, Associated Builders and Contractors**  
**Glenn Layton, Woodside-Homes**  
**David Mantia, Auld & White Constructors, LLC**  
**William Pitts, WG Pitts Company**  
**William Schaet, Barton Malow Company**  
**Ryan Schmitt, Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors, Inc.**  
**Mary Tappouni, Breaking Ground Contracting**  
**Gregory Zechman, Sauer Incorporated**

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**Sauer, Inc.** – BCN3611 - Construction Cost Estimating Course  
**Stellar** – Commercial Construction Track  
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