

## SPRING 2009 NEWSLETTER

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**NAHB** – Construction Management students who are members of the **National Association of Home Builders (NAHB)** student chapter participated in a “Drywall Hanging Event” at the **Youth Crisis Center (YCC) Touchstone Village**, 3015 Parental Home Road in Jacksonville, FL on Feb. 13 in conjunction with the **Northeast Florida Builders Association (NEFBA)**. NAHB, NEFBA and YCC volunteers hung approximately 850 pieces of drywall in the 30,000 square foot Administration Building.



**STUDENT COMPETITION** – The **National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Construction Management Team** placed in the top third out of 40 teams in the **National Residential Competition** at the **International Builder’s Show** in Las Vegas, January 2009. The team developed a management proposal including an estimate, schedule, cash-flow forecast, and a marketing plan for a real

project, the Villas at Silverado Hills in San Antonio, TX, a **Centex** development. Congratulations to team leader **Ryan Parker**, and the entire team (in photo above), Construction Management Students **David Auld**, **Benjamin Cashen**, **Vincent Gazzo**, **Jeffrey Hoelzer**, and **Geoffrey Tucker**. **Mr. James Sorce** served as the Construction Management Department team advisor.





**CMA** – The **Construction Management Association** held a “Welcome Back” cookout for Construction Management students in front of the College of Computing, Engineering, & Construction building on February 10. Many thanks to CMA President, **William Wilson** for organizing the event. Thanks to all the CMA members who volunteered to shop, cook, serve, and clean up after the cookout. CMA officers in the photo (from left to right), **Brittany Cooper** – Secretary, **William Wilson** – President, **Nathan Hotary** – Vice President.



**SIGMA LAMBDA CHI** – **Sigma Lambda Chi**, an international honors society for Construction Management majors, recognizes the top fifteen percent of students in the program, based on academic achievement. UNF has inducted 150 students into Sigma Lambda Chi since 2002. Construction Management student **Jennifer Reynoso** is the current President of

UNF’s **NuIV Chapter**. During her presidency Reynoso has encouraged students to challenge themselves academically, cultivate a greater awareness of industry standards, and take advantage of opportunities to expand their education beyond the classroom. **Reynoso** is planning several volunteer projects at the **Alden Road Exceptional Student Center** for students to participate in during the spring and fall semesters. This will not only provide students with additional hands-on experience, it will also give them the opportunity to give back to the community. Her vision for the future of the NuIV Chapter includes creating permanent relationships with the **Alden Road Exceptional Student Center**, the **Rotary Club of North Jacksonville**, **Builder’s Care**, and many more community based organizations. Her personal goals for the future include graduating with honors (Fall 09), remaining dedicated to Sigma Lambda Chi by participating in ceremonies and event planning, and securing a position with a company that will encourage her to grow as an individual. She plans on a long career in the construction industry and eventually owning her own company.

**SCHOLARSHIPS** – The following Construction Management students received merit based scholarships during Fall 08 and Spring 09 semesters. Congratulations to all the students and thank you to all our donors.

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| <b>American Concrete Institute First Coast Chapter Annual Scholarship</b> | – <b>Geoffrey Tucker</b>     |
| <b>American Society of Highway Engineers Endowed Scholarship</b>          | – <b>Matthew C. Worsham</b>  |
| <b>Elkins Constructors Endowed Scholarship</b>                            | – <b>Antonio F. Franzese</b> |
| <b>Elkins Constructors Endowed Scholarship</b>                            | – <b>Duy D. Cao</b>          |
| <b>Elkins Constructors Endowed Scholarship</b>                            | – <b>Justin Garrett</b>      |
| <b>Retail Contractors Association Annual Scholarship</b>                  | – <b>Darrin Lindsay</b>      |
| <b>Retail Contractors Association Annual Scholarship</b>                  | – <b>David Blackwelder</b>   |
| <b>The Haskell Company Endowed Scholarship</b>                            | – <b>Jennifer Reynoso</b>    |
| <b>The Haskell Company Endowed Scholarship</b>                            | – <b>Zachary Farley</b>      |
| <b>The Miller Electric Company Annual Scholarship</b>                     | – <b>Michael Lambraia</b>    |
| <b>The Miller Electric Company Annual Scholarship</b>                     | – <b>Ryan Parker</b>         |
| <b>The Stellar Endowed Scholarship</b>                                    | – <b>Justin Foster</b>       |
| <b>The Stellar Endowed Scholarship</b>                                    | – <b>Adam Murphy</b>         |

**STUDY ABROAD** – **Dr. Mag Malek**, Construction Management Department Chair and Associate Professor, and **Mr. James Sorce**, Construction Management Instructor and Advisor, will lead a study abroad to Paris and Nantes, France during spring break. Students will explore issues involving construction in France and will study management techniques of an international construction company, including bidding procedures, price structure, competition, resource allocation, environment and risk factors within the context of the French culture.



**FACULTY SPOTLIGHT** – **Dr. John Dryden**, Construction Management Department Assistant Professor, presented his paper, “Evaluation Of D-Cracking Preventive Measures in an Ohio Test Pavement”, at the **88<sup>th</sup> Annual Transportation Research Board Meeting**, January, 2009. The paper was also recommended for publication in the **Transportation Research Record**, to be published later this year. Dr. Dryden also received a UNF International \$2,500 Grant for travel to Korea to develop a study abroad course.



**FACULTY SPOTLIGHT** – **Dr. Mag Malek**, Construction Management Department Chair and Associate Professor, and **Dr. Mauricio Gonzalez**, Vice President for Student and International Affairs, visited the **American University in Cairo (AUC)** in December 2008, to establish a student exchange program between UNF and AUC.

**EMPLOYER SHOWCASE** - The **College of Computing, Engineering and Construction Management Spring '09 Employer Showcase Fair** will be held March 25, 2009. The Employer Showcase is a great way to recruit graduating students and alumni and meet students who are interested in internships with top companies. For more information please contact Tess Drahman, Career Services, [Tess.Drahman@UNF.edu](mailto:Tess.Drahman@UNF.edu), 904- 620-2955 or register at: <https://unf-m.symplicity.com/events/CCECspr2009>.



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**ADVISORY COUNCIL** – The **Construction Management Advisory Council** will meet on April 24, 2009. The following industry representatives serve on the Advisory Council:

**Pat Arrington, R. J. Griffin & Company**  
**Steve Auld, Auld & White Constructors, LLC**  
**Scott Baldwin, Stellar**  
**Christine Beaudoin, Kiewit**  
**David Birkelbach, Elkins Constructors**  
**Jeffrey W. Blount, Haskell**  
**Bill Bocchino, STT Construction Group**  
**Travis Church, Hubbard Construction Company**  
**Dan W. Haskell, Associated Builders and Contractors**  
**Glenn Layton, Woodside-Homes**  
**David Mantia, Auld & White Constructors, LLC**  
**William Pitts, WG Pitts Company**  
**Will Roseborough, Sauer Incorporated**  
**Ryan Schmitt, Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors, Inc.**  
**Mary Tappouni, Breaking Ground Contracting**  
**Gregory Zachman, Sauer Incorporated**

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**Sauer, Inc.** – BCN3611 - Construction Cost Estimating Course  
**Stellar** – Commercial Construction Track  
**Superior Construction** – Project Management Capstone and International Experience Track  
**The Kiewit Companies** – Heavy Civil Construction Track

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