

**SUMMER 2009
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STUDY ABROAD –

Dr. Mag Malek and Mr. James Sorce led 19 Construction Management students on a study abroad to France during spring break. The students and faculty departed Jacksonville on March 12 and flew to Paris where they boarded a train for Nantes. At Nantes the students were hosted by **Lycée Eugène Livet**, a French school of construction, where they attended lectures on French and European construction systems and techniques and interacted with students. The group visited the geotechnical centrifuge at **Le Laboratoire Central des Ponts et Chaussées** (bottom right photo). They also toured the largest bridge in Nantes at **Le Pont de Chevre** (top right photo).



SPRING 2009 GRADUATE AWARDS – The College of Computing, Engineering and Construction held an awards ceremony on April 24 to honor Spring 2009 graduates. The Construction Management department awarded Academic Excellence awards to: **Cory Addison Cutlip, Justin Tyler Foster, Antonio Francesco Franzese and Vincent Maxwell Gazzo.** Congratulations, graduates! (Dr. Malek presents Academic Excellence award to **Cory Addison Cutlip** in photo at left.)

SCHOLARSHIPS – Thirteen Construction Management students received merit based scholarships during the Fall 2008 and Spring 2009 semesters. There are six endowed and three annual scholarships available to Construction Management students for the Summer 2009/Fall 2009 semesters. The application deadlines range from July 31, 2009 to August 24, 2009 and December 31, 2009. Scholarship information and applications are available here: <http://www.unf.edu/ccec/scholarships/>.



SIGMA LAMBDA CHI – Sigma Lambda Chi is an international honors society for Construction Management majors. Dr. Mag Malek serves as the faculty advisor for the UNF Sigma Lambda Chi chapter which inducted the following students on March 26, 2009: **David Blackwelder, Joshua Bowden, Brittany Cooper, Karla Jacobs, Tyler Jarvis, Preston Kensinger, Joshua Snyder, Jeff Tucei, and Geoffrey Tucker.**



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT –



Dr. John Dryden, Construction Management Department Assistant Professor (at left), received a \$1,000 materials grant and subsidy from **Infiltrator Systems, Inc.** to develop and install a laundry grey water disposal system for passive irrigation for the **Northwest Jacksonville Community Development Corporation (NJCDC)**. NJCDC is a nonprofit organization that sponsors projects that promote revitalization of the community through education, planning, housing rehabilitation and new constructional economic development, and advocacy.



Dr. Mag Malek, Dr. Adel ElSafty, School of Engineering Assistant Professor, and **Dr. Amal ElSafty**, Professor of Occupational Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Cairo University are collaborating on research which will compare United States construction worker safety measures and recordable work place accidents with European and Middle Eastern data for the purpose of implementing the developed industry standards in those geographic areas. The research team visited three construction sites in Jacksonville in April, 2009, and two work sites in Egypt .

EMPLOYER SHOWCASE –

Over thirty industry leaders attended the **College of Computing, Engineering and Construction Management Spring '09 Employer Showcase** on March 25 at UNF's University Center. The CCEC Showcase is a recruiting event designed to bring students from this college together with employers recruiting for internships, co-ops, part-time jobs, and full-time employment opportunities in all areas of engineering, computing, and construction management. For more information, please contact Tess Drahan, Career Services, Tess.Drahan@UNF.edu, 904- 620-2955.



Construction Management students convene at the **Spring '09 Employer Showcase** (in photo at left). For assistance recruiting students and graduates of the **College of Computing, Engineering and Construction** and for an overview of our **Employer Career Services** contact **Career Coordinator, Rebecca Johnson @ Rebecca.Johnson@unf.edu**.

ADVISORY COUNCIL – These industry representatives serve on the **Construction Management Advisory Council** :

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