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A New Year and New Opportunities

We can all hopefully breathe a subdued sigh of relief as 2020 enters the rearview mirror, and we look forward to a better 2021. I hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones well. The construction management faculty and staff at Missouri State are proud to say that things in Springfield are going fairly well! After campus closed in March of 2020, the university administration's efforts to reopen campus for the fall semester were successful. With mandatory masking, social distancing, and enhanced cleaning procedures, the department held all its classes in a traditional seated format with minimal impacts. The CM Career Fair was held in September with nearly 30 companies showing up for the only in-person recruiting event held on campus. This spring, we look towards building upon the successes from last semester as students are again back on campus in classrooms and labs.

While the publication of this newsletter was delayed for almost a year, we do not want you to think that the pause was from a lack of activity or success. For starters, check out the articles on the Construction Club's national recognition and its continued success in the ASC Region 4 competition. The articles highlighting two alumni and two current students who are amazing glimpses into what makes Missouri State's CM program so unique. We also highlight the new Construction Management Advisory Board (CMAB) leadership team. These industry professionals are making significant impacts not only on the program but also on the future of the construction industry.

Finally, please keep your eyes open and your e-mail inboxes ready! The CM Program will be making a BIG announcement in the coming months as we need your help to improve the experience of our students for decades to come. The teaser for this project is on page 12. We are excited about 2021 and hope to hear from and see many of you soon!

~Dr. Richard Gebken, CM Program Coordinator

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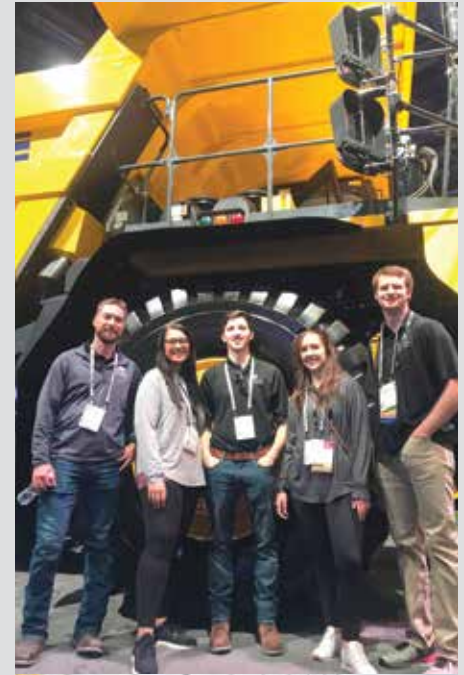


AGC Construction Club Named National Outstanding Emerging Chapter

This past March several members of the Missouri State Construction Club had the privilege of attending the Annual Associated General Contractors (AGC) of America Convention at the Bellagio Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. Aside from listening to keynote speakers, hosting an informational booth on chapter activities, and getting to see the beautiful sights that Vegas has to offer, the highlight of the event for the students in attendance was receiving the Outstanding Emerging Student Chapter Award. This national award is presented to only one chapter each year. A panel of industry practitioners evaluate application packets for the previous calendar year based upon demonstration of skill, responsibility, and integrity – the three tenants of the AGC of America.

This was the first time for the MSU chapter to be recognized on a national level for its ongoing educational and service activities. Some of the items that caught the judge’s attention during the award evaluation process included multiple outreach projects. These efforts were focused on both traditional community service projects (i.e., Adopt-A-Street, SCA Chicken BBQ, and Generation Next Bass Bash) and workforce development/education activities. The latter category was paramount to the club’s recognition for the Outstanding Emerging Student Chapter Award. Of note was the success of reaching out to school-age children. The construction club’s partnership with the Home Builder Association of Greater Springfield for the “Be Constructive” program at Holland Elementary and the Build My Future event at the Ozark Empire Fairground were both aimed at showing youth how exciting and lucrative careers in construction can be. The Holland Elementary program focused on fun games and activities like plan reading with pretzels and marshmallows, popsicle stick bridge building, and ceramic tile coasters. Build My Future is geared towards regional high schools and includes a plethora of hand-on activities from virtual welding, equipment operation, and even the Construction Club’s PVC bridge building set-up.

In addition to the community service, the club’s efforts to partner with its AGC sponsor, the Builders Association of Kansas City, and other industry companies were instrumental in receiving the award. Educational programming like monthly industry speakers, out-of-town field trips, and educational workshops will also continue to be an important aspect for the club.



Going Virtual

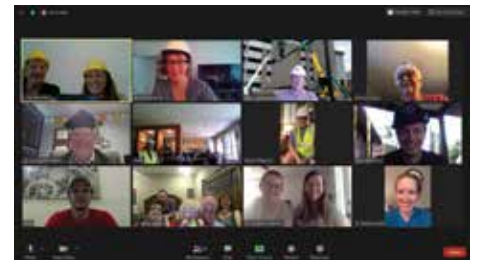
In March, Missouri State University joined the rest of the world when the decision was announced to shutdown campus. It was the start of Spring Break and students and faculty were told that the much anticipated and needed break from classes would be extended a week as the campus community would begin to prepare for online course delivery.

Like the construction industry itself, MSU was committed to figuring out ways to ensure higher education activities would continue in a safe manner. Faculty began recording lectures for students to watch independently; Zoom would become a de facto part of the “college experience”.

By the end of the spring semester,

the normal traditions of campus would be upended and replaced with alternatives that “got the job done” but lacked the sense of camaraderie that normally comes in a University environment. Spring graduation would be postponed, but CM program graduates would still receive their maroon hard hats. Students still worked their summer internships, although many were much different than in previous years.

By the fall semester, campus reopened with safety protocols and contingency plans in place. Incredibly, all CM classes would meet in a face-to-face delivery method. The joy of returning to the classroom was a welcome sense of normalcy in a year that has been anything but normal.



▲ Alumni Brandon Belt, Ronald Antonini, Seth Sherertz, Doug Fronick, and Dave Ewing claim the best seats in the suite to watch the MSU men’s basketball team play Illinois State.

▼ Alumni Adam Parks, Darren Beck, Donnie Volentine, and David Atkisson trade tales from their days as students within the program.

Spring Alumni Events

The CMAB Alumni Committee helped keep the tradition of supporting MSU athletics alive in 2020. On February 5th, over twenty CM alumni attended the men’s basketball game versus Illinois State at JQH Arena. Utilizing one of the University’s suites for the event, alumni, faculty, and some university dignitaries (both the College of Business Dean and the University President stopped by) helped make this social event a noteworthy networking opportunity. As an added bonus, the basketball Bears came away with a commanding victory (80 – 60) when the final buzzer sounded. The Alumni Committee would like to thank all the MSU faculty and staff involved in facilitating access to the suite and for all of the great food that was provided. We also want to thank all the alumni that attended to make this a successful event and hope attendance will continue to grow in the future.

With this article being written during the coronavirus pandemic, it is nice to look back and remember the fun that we had supporting MSU

athletics over the years. And while it is uncertain when we will be able to return to watching live sporting events like in the past, the CMAB Alumni Committee encourages all our graduates to continue supporting MSU athletics in any way possible when it is safe to do so. We have so much to celebrate! Last year, the Lady Bears were a blast to watch as they dominated both in and out of the Valley Conference. The men’s basketball, under the direction of Coach Dana Ford, is also on track to be on top of the Valley standings very soon.

If this article finds any members of MSU athletic teams that had their season cut short, please know that the MSU Nation is proud of how you represented our university. We especially want to reach out to the Lady Bears and let them know how proud we are of their hard work, and we have no doubt they would have represented our university well in the NCAA tournament!!! Congratulations to Coach Mox, the entire coaching staff, and all the players on a wonderful season. Go Bears!!!

Alumni Spotlight: Travis Gillespie

Travis Gillespie graduated with his B.S. in Construction Management in May 2014. He currently works for the Gillespie Excavating Company LLC in Springfield, MO. As a small family-owned business, Travis wears many hats including that of a project manager, heavy equipment operator, and estimator. Although he wasn't officially working there until he graduated in 2014, he's been part of the company's operations since he was tall enough to "reach the pedals".

When asked to describe an average day, he says "average" is a poor way to describe any day in his line of work. The only thing common from day to day is what time the alarm goes off in the morning, and even that varies. If it's a sunny, dry day you can most likely find him in the field managing work and operating equipment. If it rains, you'll probably find him in the office estimating new work, building machine control files for their automated earth moving equipment, or in the shop making repairs. Here are some snippets from our interview with Travis.

What project(s) have you been working on?

We are currently spread out over the Springfield area and surrounding communities. A few of our current projects include a relatively large subdivision and apartment facility in Rogersville, MO, a new golf driving range in Springfield, MO, a handful of Dollar Generals, a large storm water improvement project at a local community college, multiple land clearing operations, and my favorite being our mobile crushing plant which allows us to recycle all types of masonry, asphalt, and concrete products into usable materials which we then use on our own job sites.

What are some of the most valuable things you've learned on the job?

I would say the most important skill I have not so much learned in the field but rather improved upon is my ability



to think abstractly, or outside the box. There are an infinite number of challenges that can arise in a workday; none of them are planned, and being able to look at the many resources at your disposal and determine the best way to move forward is certainly a skill that gets tested in this business.

What have been some keys to your success since leaving Missouri State?

The biggest key to my success since leaving MSU would have to be my determination to grow and diversify our business. A company must be able to do what they do well, and ready to do something else well when that quits working. The second key is learning to communicate with the many walks of life that make up this industry from the engineers to the PMs, to the boys who have more fingers than teeth, but stronger backs and shorter fuses.

What's the best advice you've been given?

The best advice I have been given, there are some funny answers to this like, "don't hold that jumping jack under your chin" or "never drive a tracked machine squarely over a berm". Thankfully, I only learned one of those the hard way, but seriously the best advice I have ever received

has not been verbally but rather in the relentless and unmatched work ethic of both my parents who have taught me character, communication, compassion, courtesy, and all of the other life skills a person needs to possess by their example.

What advice would you offer to soon-to-be-graduates?

Never tell your peers what you are capable of, show them.



CMAB Scholarship Recipient: Cabriah Hillman



Cabriah is not only following in her family's footsteps but also blazing a new path as Construction Club President.

This semester we want to shine our first student spotlight on Cabriah Hillman, the 2020 CMAB Scholarship Recipient. Cabriah is originally from Freeman, Missouri, and is currently a senior in the construction management program at Missouri State. She is currently the Construction Club President and has held multiple leadership positions in that group and the Missouri State Women in Construction organization.

At an early age, Cabriah knew that the construction industry was something that excited her. As the daughter of a superintendent for a commercial construction company, she spent a lot of time growing up on jobsites with her father and hearing about the challenges of daily construction operations. As the time for college approached, Cabriah knew that Construction Management was what she wanted to study; she just needed to find the right school for her. "I visited Missouri State and got a tour of the department from Dr. Gebken. Right away, I knew that this was the place for me. I could see the opportunity for growth and leadership in this program which made me that much more excited to dive in," she said. Her favorite parts of the program are the students and the faculty. She continued, "The students are truly passionate about being involved on campus which makes everything fun! In addition, the faculty truly care about each and every student. They make it a point to not only know a student's name but also take time to

learn about a student's personality and goals."

Aside from her leadership roles in student organizations, Cabriah has also been a member of multiple student competition teams. In 2019, Cabriah was a member of the 2019 MCAA Student Competition that placed 5th in the nation. She has also helped with the 2020 MCAA team and two different ASC Region 4 Commercial



Construction competition teams. Outside of school, Cabriah loves to travel and do DIY projects. She noted, "Traveling has always been a huge passion for me. I am always seeking new places to visit and adventures to pursue. I also love doing DIY projects at home. If there is anything that I can refurbish, repaint, or make myself - I am all in!" She also loves spending

time with friends, family, and her dogs.

Cabriah has had multiple internship experiences while pursuing her studies at Missouri State. After her first year, she worked for Royal Construction Services, a carpentry contractor in Kansas City, MO, as an administrative assistant. Her goal was to learn as much as possible and commented that her favorite part of the job was the interaction with the field crews. She said, "I learned so much about how to communicate with the trades and what I could do to assist them." After her second year, Cabriah worked as an estimator for McCownGordon in the corporate headquarters in downtown KC. She plans to spend her final summer as a field engineer intern with Hensel Phelps in their Southeast District.

After graduation, Cabriah would like to start her career in Kansas City with a general contractor. She is still exploring all that the industry has to offer including career paths, but right now estimating and project management are where she is the most interested. She plans to graduate in December of 2021 and has already set goals for after graduation including owning a home in Kansas City, traveling the world as much as she can, and staying involved in the CM program at MSU in some way after graduation. With respect to the last goal she said, "Staying involved in the program after graduation is very important to me because it has given me so much and I want to give back."



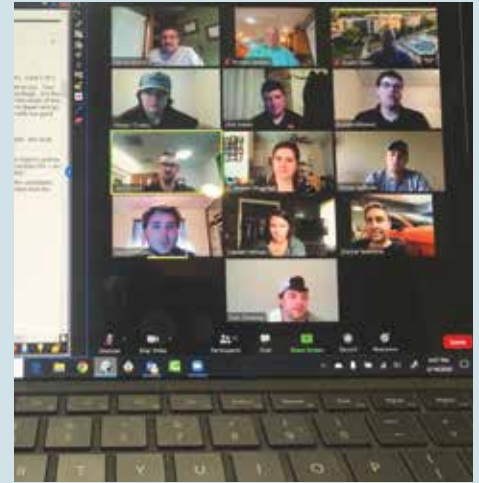
Sigma Lambda Chi

INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The Upsilon IV chapter of Sigma Lambda Chi (SLX) held a “virtual” induction ceremony in April 2020. While the experience was a little different without the traditional formalities and the delicious lasagna dinner made by Mrs. Gebken, it was special, nonetheless. Alumni and industry professionals from all over the country were able to participate in the ceremony that was

held over zoom.

On a high note, the chapter received another GOLD Award in 2020 from the SLX International organization. The Missouri State chapter is one of less than ten who have received this level of achievement for over four straight years. This success is attributed to both the SLX officers (Chet Meyer, Lily Quitno and Erica Vaughn) and their advisor, Mr. Joswick.



▲ Alumni and industry professional both joined the virtual induction ceremony via Zoom.



Scott Rahn, B.S. Finance ('07) and B.S. Construction Management ('10), is a St. Louis native who currently serves as Vice President for Industrial at Clayco, Inc.

Alumni Spotlight: Scott Rahn

What does your typical day look like?

Every day is different and that is what I love about what I do. I am working with project teams to help solve problems all the way to analyzing budgets and bids to win work.

What projects have you been working on?

I have projects from Seattle to Northeast Pennsylvania; most of these projects are industrial projects from 2,000,000 SF distribution center to manufacturing projects. My experience has spanned across many different market segments. I have worked on a 400,000 SF office building, 2,000,000 SF distribution center, government infrastructure work, and renovations to the Enterprise Center with St. Louis Blues.

What are some of the most valuable things you've learned on the job?

Good people are the most valuable part of our industry. When I look back at successful projects and/or project pursuits, it can always be tracked back to “Great People” do great things.

Why do you love the construction industry?

I love how diverse my day can be from working with an onsite employee with a personal issue to being part of a team that is winning a \$100,000,000 plus project.

What has been some of your keys to success since leaving MSU?

Be creative and innovative and speak up with those ideas. There is always more than one way to do everything.

What is the best advice you've been given?

Trust but verify. Hurry up every chance you get. Work Hard.

What advice would you give soon-to-be graduates?

It may sound cliché but not always easy; it is work hard and don't be negative and you will get what you want out of life. If you are not getting what you want, you are not doing both.



Construction Club

News and Updates

One semester after another Missouri State's Construction Club breaks records when it comes to attendance. As a club, they strive to get bigger and better with each meeting and continuously improve their quality, activities, and relationships. Although this semester has not been what we are typically used to, the club has still tried to encourage students to stay active with one another. Through our classes, social media, and zoom meetings, the department has made great efforts to stay positive during this quarantine!

To kick off the semester, the club hosted a Chili Cook Off in one of Kemper's labs. It was a great way to get new students involved, have a little fun while meeting new people in the program, and the opportunity for students to show off their chili cooking skills! We would like to thank Doug Fronick and his crew at APAC for helping with the corn hole tournament during the cookoff, as well. Along with the fun social events, the club also invited various industry professionals to speak at the meetings. The Construction Club has been very fortunate to receive support from so many companies, whether that be the companies



“Construction Club is helpful by getting students involved and giving them the opportunity to make new friends.” - Brett Davis, Junior

who seek out students for internships/full time employment, our Advisory Board members, or other companies who come to speak during meetings. This is a key component in making our program one of the best!

The first few months of the 2020 Spring semester were filled with a lot of fun things. To highlight some of the achievements our club was awarded, the AGC Student Chapter and the MEP Club both won awards for their clubs. The MEP club, led by Jacob Nelson, won 5th place out of over 30 teams in the MCAA competition and traveled to Hawaii for the convention. The AGC Student Chapter won the Emerging Student Chapter Award and had the privilege of traveling to Las Vegas to accept the award and give a presentation about our program at the annual convention.

Over the past few years, our club has been trying to implement various ways of promoting our program on social



▲ Brett Davis (left) won the 2020 Chili Cookoff. Alumni Joe Myler (right) made celebrity appearance and posed with the same trophy he won in 2001.

◀ Tom Benassi, VP for MMC Contractors, speaks to the club last March.



media, as that is one of the first things kids in this generation will look at.

The “What’s Your Why?” videos were first created over a year ago and since then, continued to show up on our accounts. This semester, we have started a new series that was piggybacked from the “What’s Your Why?” series, “Leave your Legacy” is now the topic of the next few videos. These videos are a creative yet informative way to reach out to potential students while also giving our current students a voice in what they love about being in the construction industry, and more specifically how Missouri State’s program has helped them get there.

By just looking at the pictures on these pages, it is obvious how much our students care about furthering their careers while enjoying their college years. There is no better place for that than this program. We have some of the best faculty, brightest students, and BY FAR the most fun! There is a lot of love here because we are a family. We are BEAR BUILT!



▲ Travel restrictions were a challenge to bringing speakers to club meetings during the fall semester; however, the use of technology did help bring industry professionals that might not be otherwise able to visit campus.

◀ Top: Junior John Ankrom talks with a recruiter from Centric. The CM program was one of the few programs in the country to host an in-person career fair in 2020.

◀ Middle: One of many fun ice breaker games that start off the club’s monthly meetings, students race to erect the tallest toothpick tower.

◀ Bottom: Construction club officers drop off 187 shoeboxes at a local church for Operation Christmas Child. TCM students filled each box with essential items that are ultimately distributed to children in need across the world.

Mechanical, Electrical, & Plumbing Student Success Continues **MEP Club** in Specialty Construction



Although the university had a short semester last spring, the Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing Club was able to have an eventful first couple of months before virtual classes began. Last fall our students participated in the national Mechanical Contractors of America Association student competition. In January, the students were notified of their 5th place finish in the competition out of 33 schools across the country. Although we were hoping for a top four finish, our placing was still very impressive for only the second time submitting in the competition. The participating students were able to travel to Hawaii in honor of their accomplishments, but the trip was cut short because of COVID concerns.

The construction management program continues to place students in full-time and internship positions in the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing field. The MEP club has been lucky to have great industry support!

Missouri State Women In Construction

One of the newest and fastest growing organizations within the department is the Missouri State Women in Construction (MSWIC) club. MSWIC Members had a fun fall semester of informative guest speakers and group bonding led by current President Allison Muehlfarth. Her goal was to ensure the event program for the semester was both active and beneficial for members in all years of the program.

Each meeting of the semester included both educational and social activities. In September, two construction management alumnae spoke to the group via Zoom. These former students (one an estimator

and the other a field engineer) spoke about their experiences of transitioning from school into the industry. Both speakers openly shared amazing stories about both adversity and success.

For the second meeting, an HR professional from a national subcontracting firm discussed advice for succeeding in job interviews and networking events. In addition, the speaker also shared some helpful tips and tricks about resumes.

Finally, the members enjoyed an axe throwing social at Tommy Hawks to celebrate the end of the semester. The MSWIC members are excited about what activities are in store for next semester.





Student Spotlight: Austin Toby

Austin grew up in Edwardsville, Illinois, and graduated from Edwardsville High School in 2016. Right after high school, Austin knew that he wanted to come to Missouri State to major in Construction Management but also was interested in subjects regarding the legal field. When it came to knowing construction was the right path, it was not a hard decision. This industry was something that Austin had always been fascinated with while knowing that this field would provide great job opportunities upon graduation. Austin is a graduate that this program will be lucky to have had and continue to watch grow in his success. He was an easy choice for the student spotlight this semester as you will see through his answers to these various questions.

What have you been involved in here at MSU?

At Missouri State, I have been involved in my social fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon. I held multiple leadership positions and actively volunteered throughout the Springfield Community. Throughout my time in SigEp, we were actively involved with our national philanthropy Big Brothers and Big Sisters, the community partnership of the Ozarks, Student Veterans, and Play it for Springfield. I was also a part of the Construction Club where I held a small leadership position my junior year.

What has been your favorite part about being in this program and how has it helped you reach your goals?

My favorite part about being in the Construction Management program is the lifelong friends I have made between my peers and professors. The program strives itself on the networking opportunities and creating strong relationships in the industry. That principle has caused me to create great friendships throughout my time

in the department. Being able to work on assignments and group projects effectively together has helped tremendously throughout my four years. Everyone has learned about different aspects of the industry throughout their internships, and this has really helped during group projects. The construction management program taught me that communication is everything. That simple lesson will help in every way in the future.

What are your plans after graduation and for your future?

As I hinted above about the legal field, I have chosen to go a different route other than construction management for my future career. I was fortunately admitted into two law schools over winter break. In the fall, I will begin to pursue my Juris Doctor Degree (J.D.) at the Southern Illinois University of Carbondale School of Law (SIUC). This has been a life-long goal of mine, and I am extremely excited for the opportunity. I plan on practicing Construction and/or Commercial Real Estate law. My long-term goal is to run my own legal firm and also acquire real estate/become a real estate developer.



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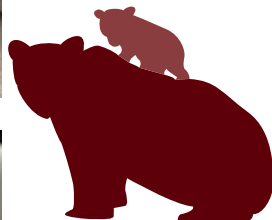
*BIG changes are coming to Kemper Hall.
Follow and share our social media fundraising campaign beginning April 5, 2021.*

FUTURE BEARS



◀ Baby Harrison,
son of Brian '07 and
Rebecca Ross.

▶ Baby Olivia,
daughter of Joe and
Christine Crocker
Minter '14.



◀ Baby Brooks, son of
Nick '19 and Hannah
Turner.

▶ Baby Kennedy,
daughter of Riley
and Michelle Essner
George '12.



Alumni Shout-out

Congratulations to Stacie Ramos ('14) for receiving the 2020 Vesta Award from the Southwest Missouri Chapter of the National Association for Women in Construction (NAWIC). This award recognizes individuals who have been involved in the construction industry for more than ten years and have an outstanding record for community involvement, construction association leadership, workforce development, and career advancement. We are proud to have her on our CMAB executive team.

ASC Region 4 Student Competition

During October, Missouri State University students from both the construction management and interior design programs competed in four of the five divisions of the 2020 Region 4 Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) virtual student competition. This was a change from previous years due to the limitations in place because of COVID-19. Over the course of five days students were asked to prepare estimates and execution plans at their home campuses. A panel of judges from industry reviewed and graded the team's proposals that included the plans for managing and constructing each project.

Students were asked to prepare and present their proposed ideas to a panel of judges via a virtual presentation at the end of the competition period. The unique situations created by a virtual competition allowed students to see first-hand how the construction industry has been forced to adjust to the limitations associated with the pandemic.

Missouri State's heavy/civil team placed first in their division. The project was to remove and replace of 0.8 miles of roadway in West Memphis that crossed both I-40 & I-55 just west of the Mississippi River. One of the challenges of this year's competition was the utilization of an "A + C" contracting method. The MSU students estimated just over \$14M in total costs (actual project cost was just under \$15M) and a duration of 210 days.

The commercial new construction team placed second against other schools in the region. The project consisted of a new 10,000 sq. ft. fire station in Olathe, KS. This two-story structure was estimated to have a \$5M overall project budget and included a small public area, three new fire apparatus bays, fire station administration offices, a break room, locker rooms, bunk rooms, and an exercise area.

Finally, the design-build team placed second in their division as well. The project was a new 21,000 sq. ft. middle school in California. The proposal included a multi-phase site master plan showing future football and baseball fields, new parking for 300 cars, and the new two story school building. The guaranteed maximum price proposal was not to exceed \$16M dollars for the first phase of construction with a total project duration including design and construction of 26 months.



▲ 1st Place Heavy/Civil Division

JT Schuman, Jacob Johnson, Clayton Farr, Taylor Monzyk, Brandon Lefresne, Lathan Kerans, and coach Dr. Jim Peterson.



▲ 2nd Place Commercial New Construction Division

Nick Lantz, Ethan Adams, Carl Paetow, Henry Albarracin, Jacob Jones, Ryan Geisz, and coach Dr. Richard Gebken (not pictured).



▲ 2nd Place Design-Build Division

Coach Dr. Aaron Sauer, Sabrina Pavlova, Joshua Scheuermann, Dylan Haley, John Ankrom (not pictured), and Stephen Buechler (not pictured).

Construction Management Advisory Board

The CMAB helps support Missouri State's Construction Management Program through advocacy, development, and engagement. We are proud to spotlight our current leadership team and appreciate all their support. Are you or your company interested in joining the CMAB, contact CMAB President Michael Bax at MBax@McCarthy.com.



Michael Bax, President

McCarthy Building Companies, Senior Preconstruction Director, 17 years

In my new role as President of the CMAB, I am most excited about developing new ideas on how to improve the Construction Management (CM) Program for the staff and students. The CM Program is already a great program, but I am excited about working with the board members to improve the program and ensure it is up to speed with today's technology and construction methods / techniques. We already have some new ideas and looking forward to getting those implemented.

Ryan Lane, Vice President

Performance Contracting Inc., Operations Manager, 14 years

I first got involved with the CM program when my family and I moved to Springfield in 2013. Having graduated from a different university, it was evident to me there was something special here. As a member of the CMAB executive committee, I look forward to contributing in any way that I can. I look forward to helping students be successful.



Stacie Ramos, Students Committee Chair

Killian Construction, Estimator and Preconstruction, 1 year

I love being able to provide students opportunities to network with members of our industry. It is critically important that we share our experience and knowledge gained and that we offer a point of contact for the next generation of our industry!

Brian Ross, Faculty and Program Committee Chair

Hensel Phelps, Project Superintendent, 13 years

I am excited about my role in developing a consistent industry lecture program that can be utilized as needed during every semester. This will help the faculty and students stay current with industry changes and best practices.



Miles Boyer, Industry and Community Committee Chair

The Builders' Association, Southern Region Manager, 21 years

As the Industry and Community Sub-Committee Chair, I hope to continue efforts in marketing the program to potential students, employers, and the community.

Emily Bozarth

S. M. Wilson & Co., Project Engineer, 4 years

What I've enjoyed about being in this role is continuing my involvement with the program, and helping develop new ways to keep alumni involved and connect with other alumni along with connecting with current students. It's been rewarding helping build a strong alumni base for such a great program!





Missouri State Construction Management 2020 GRADUATES



Kevin Amrhein



Jacob Arnold



Shane Beebe



Boyd Bratton



Owen Conrath



Clayton Cooper



Cameron Crutchley



Tyler Dowden



Austin Eakins



Matthew Etherton



Jonathan Frazier



Haley Houseweart



Dakota Karns



Robert Kinney



Samuel Kraus



Nick Little



Brandon Menzel



Chet Meyer



Terry Miles



Taylor Monzyk



Clayton Pezold



David Phipps



Spencer Prichard



Aaron Samek



Walker Shannon



James Sly



Blake Theodore



Shane Thornton



Austin Toby



Dominic Vella



Ricky Warren



Owen Wilhelms



Spencer Zaun



Tommy Zoellner

Not Pictured:

- Chalres Bledsoe
- William Buford
- Austin Carmichael
- John Gallo
- Wyatt Gann
- Michael Howland
- William Meyer
- Ross Owens
- Ben Schad

Missouri State University

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Looking for a way to get involved with the Construction Management Advisory Board? Have any articles or possible features for the next newsletter? Contact us using the information below. Find out about the current events at the TCM Department website or by following the TCM Department Twitter or Instagram accounts. We also ask for you to send us your current contact info (e-mail, address and phone) so that we may include you on future newsletters and Advisory Board news!

Looking Ahead & Upcoming Events

Manufacturing, Agriculture, Construction & Engineering Career Fair - February 10, 2021

The spring semester's major recruiting event will be held virtually this year. Organized by the University's Career Center, interested companies should visit <https://careercenter.missouristate.edu/EmployersandRecruiters> to learn more.

Construction Club Golf Outing - May 7, 2021

Over the past 19 years, the Construction Club has hosted the Annual TCM Alumni Golf Tournament for students, faculty, alumni, and industry professionals. This year's golf tournament will be held on May 7, 2021, at the Hidden Valley Golf Course in Clever, MO. This is a great event to catch up with fellow alumni and faculty, all while supporting the Construction Club. Please contact Construction Club President Cabriah Hillman (cabriah9@live.missouristate.edu) for more information and registration.

College of Business Career Fair - September 2021

Be sure to sign up early for the COB Career Fair. This is the premier event where companies recruit students for both full-time and internship employment. See the article inside for more information. Register as early as June 2021 by visiting <https://business.missouristate.edu/Fairs.htm>.

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