DBIA Team Earns Third Place in National Competition

Following a first-place victory at the regional level in the competition series presented by the Design-Build Institute of America, the team from CSU received notification that it had been shortlisted as one of three finalists to participate in the national competition at the 2013 Design-Build Conference and Expo in Las Vegas, Nev., November 3-6. Zach Belsey, Shawn Heikens, Zach Hoover, and Chris Marchese competed against teams from Auburn University and California State University - Sacramento and received third place. This was only the second annual national competition, so the team is very proud to have earned the opportunity to participate and looks forward to trying again next year.

WIC Hosts Sustainability Coffee Talk

On November 14, members of the Women in Construction student chapter hosted a coffee talk at Mugs Coffee Lounge in Fort Collins focused on sustainability practices in industry. Bonnie Cleveland and Amanda Poindexter from ISEC, Inc., and Cheryl Hoffman from Hensel Phelps Construction Company attended and discussed the subject with students.
Program Exposure Occurring Both In-House and On the Road

The CM program’s commitment to educating high quality, diverse leaders for the construction industry continues through the efforts of its Recruitment Taskforce to educate prospective students on construction management as a degree option. The recent addition of recruitment coordinator Justin Smalley to the staff has boosted the program’s ability to more fully support this commitment through organization of campus visits and travel to area schools.

On November 21, a group of 30 students from Centauri High School in La Jara, Colo., visited CSU and spent some time with staff of the CM program. While here, the group took a tour of CM’s facilities, learned about the program’s curriculum and services, and participated in an activity that promoted team work and communication skills, both highly prized abilities in construction education and careers. Centauri is one of ten public high schools in Colorado that partner with CSU in the Alliance Partnership, a program that works to elevate the expectations of students and their families regarding the importance and attainability of higher education through activities, campus visits, and scholarships.

Smalley took the CM show on the road as well by visiting area schools to present the program to students as a college option. On November 14, he travelled to Soroco High School in Oak Creek, Colo., to participate in a career day that exposed students to various degree and career options available after graduation. On November 22, he crossed the border into Wyoming and presented in five classes at Cheyenne South High School. Students in the construction technology, pre-engineering, and CAD classes received an overview of the program and participated in a group activity that helped them learn the various roles of job site employees, such as the project manager, superintendent, and field laborers.

These efforts strive to enhance CM’s continued commitment to educational excellence and to the ever-expanding and diversifying needs of the construction industry by promoting awareness of the CM program among populations preparing for their future careers.

ABC Students Volunteer with Habitat

While most students headed home right away with the start of the Fall Break, four members of the Associated Builders and Contractors student chapter decided to spend their first day of the break volunteering with Habitat for Humanity in Loveland. On November 23, they were assigned to wrapping a home in a DOW product, repositioning a door, snapping lines for future siding, and installing as many windows as they could. Thanks to the assistance of a future homeowner providing some sweat equity and to the father of one of the ABC members, the group completed their tasks for the day and left with a sense of pride and accomplishment for all their hard work.

“We got the home all sealed up and protected for the winter weather of the coming months,” said ABC chapter president Matt Henecke. “We plan to continue our involvement with Habitat for Humanity next semester and help support local communities.”

CON 366 Students Tour Aggregate Production Facility

On November 7, endowed Heavy Civic Chair Cam McNair arranged for students in the Construction Equipment and Methods course, affectionately known as “Trucks,” to visit the Martin Marietta aggregate production facility and asphalt plant for a tour. Plant manager Britney Guggisberg, PE, hosted the tour and escorted students around the facility for a firsthand look at aggregate mining and crushing operations.

“I felt that this was a great experience to see firsthand the many topics we have been discussing in class,” said Lexi Wade, a junior. “It is one thing to learn in a classroom and another to experience our lessons in real life. I thought the trip was well worth the time.”
Upcoming Events

Spring 2014 Career Fair

The Spring 2014 Career Fair will take place on Tuesday, February 25, 2014, at the Hilton on Prospect Road in Fort Collins. This bi-annual event has become the cornerstone of on-campus recruiting activities at CSU for CM students and is an excellent method for them to ‘preview’ companies while giving recruiters the opportunity to get acquainted with the students.

Companies: Register on-line for a booth: http://col.st/17cbDuz

Students: Find information on recruiting activities on the CM website.

Spring 2014 PADB Meeting

PADB Members, the next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, 2014, in Guggenheim Hall. An invitation and the meeting agenda will be sent out in early February.

Invoices for 2014 membership dues went out via e-mail the first week of November. Please remit your dues by the end of January 2014, especially if you are a Gold or Platinum member and would like to take advantage of your free booth at the upcoming Career Fair! Extra copies of invoices may be requested from Natalya Bowen at natalya.bowen@colostate.edu.

2014 CM Cares Projects Begin Work This Spring!

The CM Cares committee has announced the new projects for spring 2014:

Grashorn Family Project: Addition of a wheelchair-accessible entrance into the home with an outdoor shade structure in the backyard to offer the opportunity for the family to play together with Gavin, a young boy unable to sit or walk but wanting to be outside with his little brother.

SAVA Project: Wheelchair-accessible entrance and ADA-approved bathroom upgrades to meet the needs of clients of this non-profit organization that provides comprehensive services to victims of sexual assault.

Walter Family Project: Home modifications of bathroom handrails, bay window with garden boxes, new driveway, and a wheelchair ramp into the backyard to allow Chris to continue his passion for gardening.

To volunteer on any of these projects, fill out the form on the CM website or contact CM Cares coordinator Khristy Preston at khristy.preston@colostate.edu.

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