CM faculty Carla Lopez del Puerto collaborated with an expert team of seasoned practitioners, consultants and university researchers: Ronald D. Worth, Kevin Miller, Sally Handley, and Douglas D. Gransberg to write a brand new Handbook on Design-Build Services.

The book is aimed at consulting engineers, architects and contractors to leverage the design-build method to win more contracts. Based on the best practices of successful companies from around the country, the book addresses the following:

~How to develop a successful design-build marketing and sales program and how to target specific marketing efforts to private, public and Federal projects.

~How evaluators score a design-build proposal, and how to meet all the special requirements for responding to a design-build RFQ/RFP.

~How to give your firm a competitive advantage in the design-build proposal process by knowing five key characteristics of the evaluation panel.

~How to weigh the relative importance of speed, price, quality, and qualifications; and how to plan project schedule and resources to achieve project objectives.

~This handbook is packed with ready-to-use forms and sample documents, laying out a complete "blueprint" for a successful design-build project.

Outreach Activities:

Professor Ozbek Serves on ACE Awards Committee

On September 22, 2009, Dr. Mehmet Ozbek served as a judge for the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Colorado Awards for Construction Excellence (ACE). ACE Awards is an annual recognition program that recognizes AGC members for their projects based on many facets of construction – dynamic design, quality, skill, strength and performance. The ACE Awards program is open to all member firms in good standing with the AGC Colorado, including general contractors, subcontractors (specialty), and associate members, for construction projects in Colorado.
Faculty and Staff News:

**Professor Scott Glick Co-PI on NIOSH Grant**

In early 2009, a multidisciplinary research team submitted a grant proposal to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) to look at safety in the workplace. The team is headed by Dr. Peter Chen in Psychology and will look at ways to identify the leadership skills vital to safety in construction. The team will then develop, pilot, and finalize a safety leadership program, and actively disseminate the program through planned channels. Other team members are Dr. John Rosecrance in Economics, Dr. Alyssa Gibbons in Psychology and Dr. Scott Glick in Construction Management, all Co-PIs. Other collaborators are Dr. Konstantin Cigularov at Illinois Institute of Technology, Dr. Stefanie Johnson at UC Denver, and Jim Dearing at Kaiser Permanente of Denver. The $750,000 grant was awarded this month for a period of five years.

**Lenora Bohren Receives Clean Air Service Award**

Dr. Mostafa Khattab presented the Clean Air Service Award to Lenora Bohren in recognition of her 25 years of commitment and dedication to improving air quality locally, nationally and internationally. Her participation, organization and leadership in and of the NCVECS-hosted annual Mobile Sources/Clean Air Conferences over the years has provided conference attendees with the knowledge to help advance the goals of cleaner air all around the world. The award ceremony took place at the Stanley Hotel in Estes Park during the Clean Air Conference on September 23rd, 2009.

**DBIA Team First in the Rocky Mountain Region**

Ron Holt and Carla Lopez del Puerto coached three CSU Design-Build Teams for the Rocky Mountain Design-Build Competition. The teams were competing against Colorado School of Mines, CU Boulder and BYU. CSU’s teams came in 1st, 3rd and 5th. The first place team (Reese Lasley, Bradly Meyer, Ben Farrow) won an all expenses paid trip to the National Design-Build Institute of America Conference in Washington DC; where they will attend classes and sessions to learn more about design-build. They will also get the opportunity to visit with design-build industry leaders. Congratulations to all three teams for their hard work. Next step Reno!
CM Homecoming Float Wins Again!

Terrance Unrein, president of the Construction Management Board of Directors (CMBoD), and Jeb Bair, Homecoming Committee Chair, were among the dozens of CM students who worked countless hours to help build this year’s float.

In keeping with this year’s homecoming parade theme, “Celebrating the Past and Building the Future,” the float featured a blend of old materials and methods and new innovative construction technologies in one vertical structure.

The float featured iron workers on a steel beam displaying the evolution of personal protective equipment and dynamic safety measures from the past and present.

To cap it off, workers were putting the finishing touches on the structure throughout the parade utilizing both old hand tools and new electric and pneumatic equipment.

CM Grad Student Receives International Presidential Fellowship

Santosh Prakash, CM Graduate Student, has been nominated as an International Presidential Fellow at Colorado State University.

The International President Fellows Program was established in 2007 as part of the CSU Internationalization Plan. The International Presidential Fellows Program consists of approximately 25 graduate students and postgraduate visitors representing a wide variety of academic disciplines at Colorado State University. The deans of every college are asked to nominate candidates with strong international research interests and experience, as well as eagerness to interact actively with other researchers across the university.

The purpose of the program will be to introduce the Fellows to ongoing and path breaking research at CSU.

CMAA Student Club Featured in CM Advisor

The Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) Student Chapter at CSU was, once again, featured in CMAA’s newsletter “CMAAdvisor” in the September/October 2009 issue. The student chapter was also featured in the May/June 2009 issue. To appear in this nationally-distributed newsletter twice in such short period of time is a great accomplishment, and attests to this recently-established and dynamic student chapter’s success and professionalism.

CMAA is a national organization with a mission to promote and enhance leadership, professionalism, and excellence in managing the development and construction of projects and programs.
CM Awards Banquet

The CM Awards took place on September 10 at the Hilton Fort Collins. The department celebrated with 170 guests including industry partners, scholarship recipients, CSU administration, family and friends. Ed Haselden received the “Friend of the Department” award for his outstanding vision, dedication and commitment to excellence.

Maria Delgado, CM scholarship recipient, thanked the donors for investing in the CM Department and the students. “I know for a fact construction is the industry with the highest risk. When donors invest in students’ education through scholarships they too are taking a risk. But I believe that risk demonstrates that someone is willing to take a chance and be a part of building our future,” said Delgado.

Professor Ozbek A Service-Learning Scholar

Dr. Mehmet Ozbek was selected as a Service-Learning Scholar by the Institute for Learning and Teaching (TILT). The Service-Learning Scholars Program is an initiative aimed at facilitating active, experiential education that enhances classroom learning and addresses community issues. The Scholars Program provides CSU faculty with opportunities and incentives for implementing academic service-learning in undergraduate and graduate courses. The Service-Learning Scholars Program provides an opportunity for a small cohort of CSU faculty to engage in dialogue about student-centered, experiential education that promotes academic learning while serving genuine community needs.

CM Career Fair

The CM Department held the biannual career fair on September 22. Despite the harsh economic environment, sixty-five companies attended and close to five hundred students were interviewed. The Career Fair was followed by senior recruiting and internship interviews through the month of October.

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