

# Leadership & Professional Development

## First Year in CM

- Explore all CM activities and attend at least three: CM Social, club meetings, Homecoming float construction, guest speakers, site tours, etc.
- Attend [CM Career Fair](#) and networking events with construction industry
- Volunteer with [CM Cares](#), Habitat for Humanity, or similar service organizations
- Visit your advisor and the Phelps Placement Office
- Apply for scholarships



Summer: Work experience in the construction industry

## Second Year in CM

- Join a [CM student club](#)
- Attend [CM Career Fair](#) and networking events with construction industry
- Volunteer with [CM Cares](#), Habitat for Humanity, or similar service organizations
- Watch Capstone students present their projects to members of industry
- Visit your advisor and the Phelps Placement Office
- Apply to participate on a [competition team](#)
- Apply for scholarships



Summer: Work experience in the construction industry

## Third Year in CM

- Run for an officer position in a [CM student club](#)
- Attend [CM Career Fair](#) and networking events with construction industry
- Volunteer with [CM Cares](#), Habitat for Humanity, or similar service organizations
- Watch Capstone students present their projects to members of industry
- Visit your advisor and the Phelps Placement Office
- Apply to participate on a [competition team](#)
- Apply for the CM Leadership Course



Summer: Required internship in the construction industry (CON 487)

## Fourth Year in CM

- Apply/Register for the CM Leadership Course
- Run for an officer position in a [CM student club](#)
- Run for student [Board of Directors](#) officer positions
- Volunteer with [CM Cares](#), Habitat for Humanity, or similar service organizations
- Watch Capstone students present their projects to members of industry
- Visit your advisor to sign your graduation contract
- Apply to participate on a [competition team](#)



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“I believe that real success in our profession and in life is measured by the impact we make on our society and the people with whom we work.”  
 - Mostafa Khattab, CM Department Head

# Leadership & Professional Development Details

## CM Student Organizations

Student organizations within the CM department exist to promote professionalism and provide a common forum for the exchange of information and current developments within the department and the construction industry. Further information on each can be found at <http://cm.chhs.colostate.edu/student-clubs/>

- **CM Board of Directors**

The BOD represents the 11 CM Clubs through fundraising, organizing, program planning, and implementing policies/procedures that benefit the clubs and CM student body as a whole.

- **Associated Builders and Contractors**

ABC is the largest professional construction association devoted to the merit shop contractor and the local industry chapter provides leadership for the CM student chapter.

- **Associated General Contractors**

AGC student chapter's goal is to enhance the knowledge of students wishing to pursue a career in commercial construction and encourages involvement in the community as well as the industry.

- **Colorado Contractors Association**

CCA focuses exclusively on the Heavy Civil, Industrial, and Municipal sectors of construction by educating, exposing, and involving CSU students in these areas of construction.

- **Construction Management Assoc. of America**

CMAA provides students with a sense of the roles and responsibilities of a Construction Manager by promoting and enhancing leadership, professionalism, and excellence in managing the development and construction of projects and programs.

- **Electrical Systems Student Club**

ESSC emphasizes networking, mentoring, and growing interest in the electrical construction industry.

- **Design-Build Institute of America**

DBIA student chapter is dedicated to promoting widespread and successful utilization of the design-build project delivery method in shaping the built environment.

- **Mechanical Contractors Association of America**

MCAA at CSU represents the mechanical sector of the industry and builds student involvement, professionalism, and leadership; introduces students to mechanical construction; increases knowledge of mechanical systems; and helps facilitate student-industry relations.

- **National Association of Home Builders**

NAHB's mission is to provide students with additional information and exposure to residential construction through field trips, industry speakers, and social events.

- **Sigma Lambda Chi Honor Society**

SLX is the only international honor society for the construction industry and provides an opportunity to be recognized for outstanding performance in the field of CM.

- **U.S. Green Building Council**

Formerly Emerging Green Builders, the USGBC is a coalition of students and young professionals intent on promoting the integration of future leaders into the green building movement.

- **Women in Construction**

WIC strives to break down the stereotype that construction is an industry exclusively attractive to men, and to build bridges with industry members for an active exchange of information and networking.

## CM Student Competitions

Participation on competition teams looks great on a resume, and students have the opportunity to participate on a number of teams throughout the academic year.

TEAM	When It Competes	Contact
ASC Commercial, Design-Build, Heavy Civil, Mechanical, Preconstruction, Sustainability, Virtual Design and Construction	February	Ron Holt
ABC	November	Jon Elliott
NAHB	January	Scott Glick
NRCA	March	Nick Rubino
MCAA	March	Mostafa Khattab

## CM Cares

Be a part of something larger than yourself! CM Cares allows students to make a difference in the community by managing a small service project to benefit a family or organization in need. There is also the opportunity to work directly with industry both in the classroom and on the job site.

For more information, visit [www.cm.chhs.colostate.edu/cm-cares/](http://www.cm.chhs.colostate.edu/cm-cares/) or contact Kristy Jesse, CM Cares Coordinator, at 970-491-1060 or [kristy.jesse@colostate.edu](mailto:kristy.jesse@colostate.edu)

## Career Fairs

The CM department hosts a career fair every fall and spring semester specific to the construction industry and attended by recruiters representing all sectors of it. Students are encouraged to attend the fair each semester to build a network of contacts within the industry to better guarantee their success in their future careers. For more information, visit [www.cm.chhs.colostate.edu/careers-internships/phe/bs\\_students/career](http://www.cm.chhs.colostate.edu/careers-internships/phe/bs_students/career)

## Scholarships

Need assistance with paying for your CM degree? We have dozens of scholarships established by the construction industry and individual donors available to our students. Fill out the CSU Scholarship Application between December 1 and the March 1 deadline. A searchable database for all CM as well as potential College of Health and Human Sciences awards can be found at [www.chhs.colostate.edu/students/scholarships](http://www.chhs.colostate.edu/students/scholarships)

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