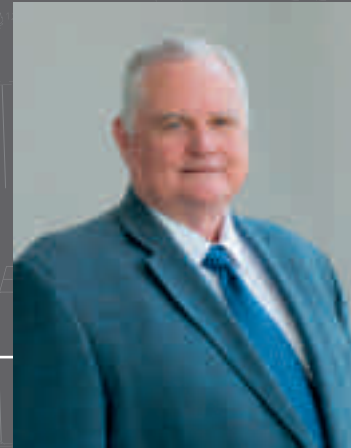


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Upcoming Alumni Events...2017

January 13 Orlando Alumni Club Clay Shoot
February 16 Tampa BCN Alumni Social
March 11 West Palm BCN Alumni Clay Shoot
March 30 Tampa BCN Alumni Club Golf Tournament
April 7 Orlando BCN Alumni Golf Tournament
May 19 Orlando BCN Alumni Fishing Tournament
June 16 Miami/Ft. Lauderdale BCN Alumni Fishing Tournament
October 27 Jacksonville BCN Alumni Golf Tournament

A Message From ...

Dr. Chimay Anumba, Dean



I would like to start by thanking you for the numerous messages of support I have received since arriving at UF in August. It has been a very busy start to my tenure as Dean of the College of Design, Construction and Planning with many activities during the Fall semester. First, there were a number of familiarization meetings with faculty, staff and students within the College, as well as with key people in the University Administration and other parts of the

campus. Then there was the Faculty Retreat at which we explored President Fuch's concept of Preeminence and what it means (or should mean) for the College.

We have started working on the refinement of the College's 5-year Strategic Plan, and the development of an associated Implementation Plan, which will be a live document that we can use to track progress. Details of the Strategic Plan will be available on the College Website when ready and I would welcome your feedback and contributions to its implementation.

The Rinker School is a critical component of the College and in my short time here I have had the opportunity to meet numerous Rinker alumni, who are understandably proud of the education they received within the School and how it has helped propel them to success in their professional careers. I intend to build on the firm foundation already in place and will strive to build stronger collaboration between the Rinker School and the other Schools and Departments within the College. In this regard, I was very pleased that DCP students collaborated in building the first ever DCP Float for the Homecoming parade! I will seek to extend this by developing new opportunities for instructional and research collaboration amongst the academic units.

It was wonderful this Fall to witness the induction of two outstanding gentlemen, David L. Brandon and John R. Sofarelli, into the BCN Construction Hall of Fame. They are both pillars of the profession as well as the Rinker School, and I am excited about working with them and other Rinker alumni to move the School and the College to the next level of preeminence.

I know that many of you have supported the Rinker School and the College for many years. I am most grateful for your support, as it is making a big difference to the quality of our programs and our students' learning experience. I look forward to continuing to partner with you and to meeting more of you as I travel around the state and beyond. Please also feel free to stop by my office whenever you are back on campus.

Best wishes for the Holidays and the New Year!

Dr. Robert Ries, Director



The Rinker School has had a very active 2016 and has continued to build upon the school's tradition of leadership.

Company participation in the spring and fall 2016 Career Fairs reflect the recovering construction industry. Ninety-two companies participated in the spring 2016 Career Fair and eighty-eight participated in the fall. The job and internship market has been strong, which is a great benefit to our students. In fact, the graduating students in the last five semesters

have all had 100% job placement before graduation. Students have also had very good success in obtaining internships that enhance their education through the Career Fair.

This past fall, the School's competition teams performed very well in the Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) southeastern regional competition and the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) national competition. The Heavy Civil competition team placed 2nd at the ASC Conference.

The Rinker School fall 2016 graduating class included 30 undergraduate, 11 masters, and one doctoral student. The fall 2016 incoming class consisted of 48 undergraduate students, 15 masters and 12 doctoral students. Enrollment is currently 251 undergraduates, 92 masters, and 32 doctoral students.

We would like to thank our wonderful alumni clubs for their tireless efforts to fundraise for the Rinker School. This year we were able to continue with our recruiting efforts and have awarded additional 18 scholarships to students who choose the Rinker School as their major. This is in addition to the 34 existing scholarships awarded before 2016. The Rinker School underwent renovations to the main lobby, student lounge and Rinker 140 that were funded by the Rinker Club Fundraising. In October we purchased a new 15-passenger van that will be used for field trips, club activities and competition team travel. Our fundraising plan for 2017 is to continue awarding recruitment scholarships, update the computer lab and technology research lab, improve staff office space and possibly purchase a new 8-passenger van since the current one cannot travel out of town. We are also formalizing a strategic fundraising plan that will communicate the School's goals and use of the club funds.

In May 2016, Dr. Rick Smailes and Dr. Doug Lucas retired. While they will both continue to teach online classes we won't see their faces in Rinker Hall as often. We will miss them terribly but wish them a happy retirement. However, in August of 2016, we welcomed three new faculty members to the School. Dr. Rui Lui is teaching Estimating I, Dr. Aaron Costin is teaching Construction Methods Improvement and Dr. Mark Russell is teaching Construction Planning & Control and Construction Project Simulation. Please contact them if you would like to meet them. Their bios are on page 29.

Students are busy preparing for the end of the term and faculty continue to improve the curriculum, publish their research, and write successful grant proposals. We look forward to bringing in the 2017 year with a promising spring semester.

BCN Advisory Council Executive Committee



The Executive Committee (EXCOM) exists to support Rinker's pursuit of our vision to be the preeminent institution for construction education and research. The EXCOM met during April in Orlando and October for the Homecoming Weekend. The committee had sub-committee meetings, met with the faculty and students in addition to the main EXCOM meeting.

A Message From the EXCOM Chair



It has been my sincere honor to serve as Chairman of the Executive Advisory Committee (EXCOM) through 2015 and 2016. Following in the footsteps of the leaders before me, I was challenged to continue the tradition of setting our EXCOM bar for achievement ever higher. Fortunately, we have always had an outstanding group of construction leaders serving on the EXCOM. I am very thankful and proud of the increasingly collaborative partnership being realized between our industry professionals on the EXCOM, the faculty and the students as we strive to realize our shared vision to be the preeminent construction education institution.

The success of the EXCOM resides with the efforts and contributions of our three way partnership. For the last two years we have enhanced the pace and productivity of EXCOM through the development and work product of our sub-committees. We focused on further developing each of our three sub-committees 1) Industry/Faculty/Student Liaison 2) Curriculum and 3) Development and Membership with a common framework for both articulating and managing each sub-committees' mission, goals and specific initiatives. We instituted face to face bi-annual subcommittee meetings (around our EXCOM meetings) to improve our timely progress for meaningful results. I commend and thank each of our EXCOM members as they give more and more of their time and talent on behalf of the school. Through these efforts we have:

1. Streamlined our sub-committees by combining our Industry Relations sub-committee with our Student/Faculty sub-committee to provide an integrated relationship between Rinker's three primary stakeholders
2. Increased our focus on industry curriculum review, including initiation of Master's level curriculum review
3. Developed the framework and process for numerous on-going communication and feedback loops between industry, faculty and students
4. Prototyped immersion opportunities for faculty into industry
5. Prototyped industry immersion into undergraduate coursework creating an ongoing partnership between specific companies and faculty serving as a resource within the classroom by supporting lectures, utilizing case studies, and imparting current trends for best practices and lessons learned for each respective course of study
6. The Rinker School was the first construction school nationwide to be re-certified under the revised outcome based assessment protocol of our students in lieu of the previous prescriptive approach

With all our progress over the last two years, there still remains much to accomplish. The time is ideal to pass the charge on to the newly selected Dean, Dr. Chimay Anumba, as he begins to facilitate collaborative opportunities across our design and construction schools that will drive increased value for our students and our industry. Dr. Anumba recognizes the critical interdependency inherent between design and construction and the significant opportunity that the educational process plays in laying the foundation for how industry and education works together to solve problems and improve results for the built environment. The eight regional clubs continue to play crucial roles in the financial success of our school. Contributions in 2016 are expected to top \$150,000, another record high year. These funds, in conjunction with EXCOM contributions, enable our Welcome Reception, Graduation Dinner, publishing of the Orange & Blueprints, sponsorship of our various competition teams, new buses for the safe transportation of our students, renovation of our lobby/student lounge, refurbishment of our computer labs, and establishment of a Technology Fund endowment to ensure our school has the financial resources to keep pace with the rapid growth of technology in construction.

Please join me in welcoming Dale Hedrick and Rob Springer as EXCOM's new Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. We will be well served by their leadership through the coming years as they each play a vital role in fulfilling the missions of our organization. It is an exciting time in our industry and having a pivotal role in its progress forward is both a privilege and a responsibility.

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Lastly, thank you to all our alumni, faculty, and students for your continued commitment to the Rinker School. Together we continue to build upon our legacy of producing the most capable contributors and leaders in the construction industry. Go Gators!

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Construction Hall of Fame

The M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Construction Management established the Construction Hall of Fame Award in 1980 to recognize the accomplishments of those distinguished leaders who have made a difference in our industry, the community and the University of Florida throughout their careers in construction. The inductees' names will be displayed on the "Hall of Fame Wall" of the School. We are honored to announce that David Brandon and John Sofarelli were selected and inducted into the Rinker School's Construction Hall of Fame for 2016 at the Rinker Homecoming Activities.



David Brandon graduated with honors from the highly regarded School of Building Construction at the University of Florida in 1981. He founded Brandon Construction Company of Palm Harbor, Florida in 1983. As a State Licensed General Contractor for over 31 years, David has been responsible for over 500 projects including high-rise condominiums, office buildings, retail establishments, educational facilities and medical facilities throughout the state.

Luxury homes built by Brandon Construction are among the finest and most energy-efficient in the industry.

In 1996, David became an organizing director of the Peoples Bank. The bank was sold to Synovus Bank and he continued to serve as a director through 2007. For the past six years he has served on the board of the Jefferson Bank, a newly chartered community bank. David has a strong community presence, and has been appointed to multiple community boards. In 1988, David was appointed to the Palm Harbor Community Service Agency to guide in the development of Library and Recreation Services for unincorporated Palm Harbor. In 1997, Brandon was appointed by the Florida Senate to

serve on the Public Schools Construction Study Commission. The Pinellas County Commission appointed Brandon in 2012 to serve as a Board Member of the Pinellas County Local Planning Agency (LPA). He has served in various leadership roles including President of the Rotary, President of the Chamber of Commerce and Board Chairman of the Suncoast YMCA.

During the Florida Tomorrow Campaign Initiative, David served as a member for the College of Design, Construction and Planning Campaign Council to raise funds for the school. He serves on Rinker School of Construction Management Executive Committee. He is a Member of the University of Florida's President Council at the Gold Level, a Member of the Legacy Society Alumni Association, Life member of the UF Alumni Association, and a member of the Gator Boosters.

David was selected by the State University System's Board of Governors as a University of Florida Trustee in 2014. David resides in Palm Harbor, FL with his wife Dana. They have three adult daughters along with two son-in-laws and one grandson. Two of their daughters live nearby in Pinellas County and the third lives in Gainesville where she began her career after becoming the third generation to graduate from UF.



John Sofarelli is a 4th generation contractor with over 40 years of construction industry experience in the Southeastern United States. He is a certified General Contractor in the states of Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. He also holds a Florida Real Estate License and is a LEED Accredited Professional. John graduated with Honors from the University of Florida with a Bachelor's of Science degree from the

College of Design, Construction and Planning, School of Building Construction in 1981 and with a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix in 2011. He is also a member of the Delta Mu Business Honor Society. John became Vice President of Tribble & Stephens Company after only 5 years, and managed over 2 million square feet of retail, office and industrial work. He formed J. Raymond & Associates, Inc. in 1988 & is responsible for supervision of all aspects of the business including marketing, estimating, production, quality control & policy, while working closely with all clients and personnel.

John was awarded the 2002 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Florida College of Design, Construction and Planning. John is a former Chairman and currently sits on the University of Florida Rinker School Executive Advisory Council. John was chosen to be a member of the DCP Dean search committee. He represents University of Florida as a member of the ACCE (American Council for Construction Education) which accredits Construction Management programs across the country.

John and J. Raymond Construction are Major Donors for the University of Florida, sponsoring newsletters, competition teams, dinners, and club events. John regularly presents guest lectures at the University of Florida. J. Raymond Construction also mentors summer interns annually, many of whom become J. Raymond employees after graduation. John is a founding member of the Central Florida BCN Club and is an active board member since 2015. The BCN Club supports the Rinker School financially and connects BCN Alumni with Rinker Programs. John supports University of Florida's athletic programs via UF Boosters and has been a Bull Gator since 2001. All three of John's children are Gators as well.

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2016 Distinguished Alumnus



Daniel E. Whiteman is Vice Chairman of Coastal Construction Company with offices in Miami and West Palm Beach. Coastal Construction is one of Florida's largest privately held construction management organizations. Having operated in Florida for over 25 years, Coastal employees more than

450 employees and has over \$2.5 billion in current construction projects. Coastal employs over 25 University of Florida graduates as well as several summer interns each year. In 2014, Coastal was named "Contractor of the Year" for the Southeastern United States by Engineering News-Record. In both 2015 and 2016, Coastal was also recognized by the Gator 100 as one of the nation's fastest growing University of Florida managed organizations, ranking seventh in the country this year.

Dan is a 1969 graduate of the University of Florida's Department of Building Construction. In 1991, Dan returned to the School and received his Master of Building Construction degree in 1992 while also serving as a Graduate Teaching & Research Assistant. After returning full-time to the construction industry, Dan continued his studies and earned his Doctorate from the University's College of Design, Construction and Planning in 2002. His dissertation topic and career passion is "The Application of Total Quality Manage-

ment on the Construction Jobsite". In addition to the University of Florida, Dan has taught construction management as an Adjunct Professor at Florida International University and the University of Miami. Dan continues to regularly lecture at the University of Florida in its Professor for a Day program on the subject "Ethics in Construction". In 1984, he was named a Distinguished Builder by the School of Building Construction and added to the school's Construction Hall of Fame. Dan has been a member of the School's Advisory Council Executive Committee since its inception. Dan has been a long-time member & supporter of the Associated General Contractors (AGC), having served as President of AGC of Mid-Florida as well as Legislative Chairman of the AGC State Council for four years. He has been appointed by the Governor's office to serve on several key construction related committees in the State of Florida, including the Workers Compensation Oversight Board, the Radon Commission, and the Building Construction Industry Advisory Council. Dan is currently a member of the South Florida AGC Board of Directors and Treasurer. Dan is active in his local church, Hollywood Community Church, where he serves on the Missions Committee and is the Missions Coordinator with their sister Church in Corail, Haiti, where he leads a Missions Team to Haiti on an annual basis.

Dan has been married to his wife, Diana, for 46 years. He considers among his proudest accomplishments in the industry that both his children have followed him in construction. His son Donald is a Superintendent on the \$240 million Porsche Design Tower, and his daughter Debra is Coastal's Insurance Manager.

Alumni working together



On the corner of one of Arlington, Virginia's busiest intersections, Clark Construction is building the Marymount Residential and Marymount Academic projects. This complex is replacing the iconic "Blue Goose" building which stood as a landmark in the DC metro area since the 60s.

Whitney Cole (BCN 2008) led the demolition and excavation efforts of both projects, and is now the Project Manager for the construction of the \$60 million Residential Building. The Marymount Residential tower offers 3 levels of underground parking, 15 floors of residential space, and a ground floor containing retail and residential amenities. The Residential building has a façade of brick, accented with aluminum panels and punched windows. Tenants will have access to a number of recreational facilities within the building, such as, a fitness center, game room with a bar feature, multiple lounge areas, and a rooftop spa.

Kaley Rhodes (BCN 2015) joined Whitney on the Marymount Projects as excavation began in August of 2015. Kaley is an Engineer on the Marymount Academic project, which is a \$40 million office building for Marymount University. This tower offers 3 levels of underground parking, 6 floors of University space, and 3 floors of rentable office space. The Marymount University – Ballston Campus tower has a façade of curtain wall and precast terracotta panels, accented with punched windows and metal panels. The Marymount lobby is finished with terrazzo, stone, wood-veneer, and a monumental staircase.

Residents and students from both buildings will have access to a shared courtyard area between the towers. This courtyard will house several recycled historical blue metal panels constructed into signage recognizing the buildings' history. Both projects are designed to achieve LEED Gold and complete in summer 2017.



Butler Construction Company's Vice-President **Scott Butler (BCN 1997)** & Burkhardt Construction's Senior Project Manager **Bill Zammit (BCN 1974)** and Project Manager **Adam Rossmell (BCN 2012)** recently teamed up to complete the OB Johnson Park Project in Hallandale Beach. Butler Construction handled the vertical construction, while Burkhardt Construction was the CM for the entire project. The project consisted of a new 41,984 SF facility that included after school classrooms, community activity rooms, recording studio, computer lab, full service kitchen, and a 14,060 SF basketball gymnasium. The site also includes (2) tennis courts, a 5,500 SF playground, 1,350 SF Field House/Concession Building, and a Soccer/Multi-Purpose Field. The project is pending a LEED Silver certification.

Alumni working together



A progress photo of the ConRAC garage, APM Guideway track and three of the four APM stations. Photo Credit: Aerial Innovations

Several UF BCN alumni continue to work on the Tampa International Airport (TIA) Consolidated Rental Car (ConRAC) & Automated People Mover (APM) project. This \$43 million project is the largest construction project the airport has taken on since the construction of the terminal and is scheduled to open in Fall 2017.

The ConRAC is a new 2.45 million SF cast-in-place parking garage to house the rental cars. It will include a front of house customer service area with the rental car desks, storage for the rental cars and a back of house area where cars can be serviced and cleaned in 15 minutes. Building this new garage will expand passenger parking near the terminal and ease traffic on airport roads approaching the terminal.

The APM train will travel a 1.4 mile route from the Terminal to the new ConRAC in roughly four minutes. There will be four new stations built on the route to service new and existing structures. The APM route will begin at the Terminal approximately 57' above grade to clear the existing roads, transition to grade to travel underneath an existing Taxiway and then transition back to elevated at the south part of the property to work around more existing facilities.



Most of the UF BCN Alumni involved with the management of the project from the Owner and CM sides. From left to right: **Farhan Salim (BCN 2017)**, **Nigel Pull (BCN 2000)**, **Scott Campbell (BCN 1989)**, **Dan Seeley (BCN 2006)**, **Rick Sanz (BCN 2000)**, **Keith Fleming (UF 1993)**, **David Devaney (BCN 1995)**, **Jason Watkins (UF 1999)**, **John Mallory (BCN 1988)**, **Sean Horan (BCN 2007)**, **Jeff Kohl (BCN 2006)**, **Scott Bush (BCN 2004)**, **Giovanni Ruiz (BCN 2000, not pictured)**.

Morette Company will be starting a project for the School Board of Escambia County “Beulah Middle School” in Pensacola on October 3. Morette was selected by the school board to be their CM on this job. They have been working closely with the School Facilities team, DAG architectural team, and all their consultants through the Precon stage to control budget through the design. This project is a 204,000 sf new Middle School and the construction budget for this project is \$5 million. The Morette Team includes **Michael Morette (BCN 2003)**, President of the Morette Company; **David Del Gallo (BCN 1976)**, Chief Estimator, lead on precon; and **Gordon Gunn (BCN 1989)**, Senior Project Manager on this project and **Nikki Morette Bell (UF 2005)** who is Comptroller.



Creative Contractors, Inc. and Wal-Mark Contracting Group have a long-standing professional partnership, which gives graduates many opportunities to work together.

Most recently the two companies have worked together on the Lakeland Regional Health’s Women and Children Pavilion, and the Bryan Glazer Family Jewish Community Center in south Tampa.



Left to Right:
Jeremy Line (BCN 2001), Project Manager, Creative Contractors, Inc.;
Matthew Niedens (BCN 2008), Project Manager, Creative Contractors, Inc.
Rebecca Schroeder (BCN 2005), Project Manager, Creative Contractors, Inc
Brian Jones (FRE 2006), Assistant Project Manager, Creative Contractors, Inc
Sai Wang (BCN 2014) – Assistant Project Manager, Creative Contractors, Inc
Ben Engle (BCN 1998), Vice President of Op, Wal Mark Contracting Group
Todd Pope (BCN 1999), Senior Project Manager, Creative Contractors, Inc

KVC Constructors are working on the Museum Garage Project with **Joe Bickar (BCN 2005)**, Project Manager and **Vick Crespin (BCN 1979/1980)** Vice President. The Museum Garage is a \$0M M Mixed Use (Parking & Retail) Project in the Miami Design District. The project features five artistic facades, 25,000 sf of retail, an over 45,000SF basement and over 800 parking spaces. Joe was also part of the team that recently completed the City View Garage in the Miami Design District. The City View Garage received An award of Excellence and an Award of Merit from the Florida Parking Association and an Award of Excellence from the International Parking Institute.



Flying Fish and AbracadaBAR Project at Disney’s Boardwalk Resort. The project was an ILPD project that started design in Spring 2015 and completed construction in Summer 2016. It consisted of a signature restaurant rehab as well as converting an ice cream parlor into a lounge and bar. BCN Grads that worked on this project—**Caleb McCutchen, BCN 2006**, **Mitch Mitchell (BCN 1994)**, and **Travis Kolbjornsen**. Not pictured: **Michelle Whiteside BCN 2005**.



Gator 100

Congratulations to the 16 Rinker Alumni Companies that made the second annual Gator100, the list of the top 100 fastest-growing, Gator-owned or Gator-led businesses in the world. The Gator100, which recognizes and celebrates the achievements of leading UF alumni entrepreneurs, is produced by UF and the Entrepreneurship & Innovation Center at the Warrington College of Business.

Before the Gator 100 events, the Rinker alumni participated in a panel session with Rinker students about entrepreneurship. The students thoroughly enjoyed asking questions and learning about the journey of each company. The Rinker School was represented well. Our Rinker Alumni Companies were:



Coastal Construction Company

Sean Murphy (BCN 1995)
Tom C. Murphy (BCN 1992)
Daniel Whiteman (BCN 1969, MBC 1992, PhD 2002)

Miller Construction Company

Harley Miller (BCN 1969)
Thomas Miller (BCN 1965)

Orocon Construction

John Oropesa (BCN 1994)

Ovation Construction Company

Bertin Karpinski (BCN 1988)

Scherer Construction Company

Doug Wilcox (BCN 1989)

T&G Constructors

David Grabosky (BCN 2004)

The Benoit Group

Eddy Benoit Jr. (BCN 1993)

Titus Construction Group

Bill Hassel (BCN 1999)
Nate Pardue (BCN 1998)

Advantage Inspection

Dave Park (BCN 1982)

Keene Klimas Consultant Group, LLC

Gary Keene (BCN 1973)
Michael Max Klimas (BCN 1981)

Waterbrook Builders

Tom Yianilos (BCN 1981)

e-Builder

Jon Antevy (BCN 1994)

J. Raymond Construction Group

John Sofarelli (BCN 1981)

RB Marks Construction Inc.

Russ Cammack (BCN 1996)
Mark Zaremskas (BCN 1996)

Moss & Associates

Scott Moss (BCN 1996)

Destinations to Explore, Inc.

Tim Jones (BCN 1998)

Let's get engaged...

In an effort to re-engage with our alum, we will be contacting companies to see if we can come for a brief visit. Recently we were in south Florida and visited these alumni.



KVC Constructors with BCN Alumni Alex Motola (BCN 2012), Project Manager (l-r), Katherine Crespin (BCN 1981) President, and Vick Crespin (BCN 1980) Vice President were visited by Rinker Staff in May.



Dr. Ries (left) visits with Steve Palmer (BCN 1979), COO of Stiles

Craig Schaffer (BCN 1989), President, Critical Path Construction Services stands on right with Rinker School Director, Dr. Robert Ries



Hedrick Brothers Erin Brodsky (BCN 2011) (l-r) and Rinker intern Trenton Swann were visited by Rinker Staff member, Kim Stanley.



Amandeep Sekhon (BCN 2015) employed with Moss & Associates and Hamed Hakim (PhD Candidate) employed with Skanksa met Rinker Staff for dinner in Ft. Lauderdale.



Rinker Staff Kim Stanley and Sara Ann Green had lunch at Henriquetas Cafe with Jacob Weiss (BCN 2014) employed with Coastal and Alex Motola (BCN 2012), Project Manager with KVC Constructors.

Alumni making news



Kaufman Lynn for the first time, are part of the ENR Top 400 Contractors in the nation!

Kaufman Lynn employs the many Rinker Graduates such as: **Michael Kaufman (BCN 1981)**, President; **Frank White (BCN 1986)**, Sr VP of Ops; **Benjamin Baffer (BCN 1988)**, VP of Ops; **Jon Tori (BCN 1981)**, VP of Ops; **Garrett Southern (BCN 1995)**, VP of Ops; **Michael Charland (BCN 1992)**, PM; **Joshua Harden (BCN 2008)**, VP Project Develop.; **Matthew Thomas (BCN 2008)**, Project Executive;

Carlos Lorenzo (BCN 2009), Dir. of Bus. Dvlp; **Adam Sonntag (BCN 2010)**, PE; **Nathan Coker (BCN 2011)**, PM; **Sagar Desai, (BCN 2012)**, PE; **Matt Carney (BCN 2013)**, PE, and **Darryl Ditzel (BCN 2014)**, Estimator.

Stacey Barton (BCN 1991)

(left), was recently named by Constructech magazine as one of the “Women in Construction” awardees. Stacey currently serves as a Vice President - Operations for the Industrial Project Delivery Group and has been with Haskell for 21 years. She has served in roles as Assistant Project Manager, Project Manager, Assistant Director of Construction, Group Director of Construction and VP - Construction (GPS). Stacey also serves as a key member of Haskell’s Construction Executive Committee team which oversees all policies, procedures, construction personnel (including field) and technology applications.



This prestigious award honors successful women working within the construction community who are proponents of advancing construction technologies and serve as leaders – at work, in the industry and in the community. The awardees were honored at an awards dinner in Chicago and the listing was published in the Sept/Oct issue of Constructech magazine. Congratulations to Stacey on receiving this well-deserved award!

In December, Crowley Services, Inc., a Construction Management firm based in Sarasota marks an important milestone celebrating 5 years in business. Founded in 2011 by President, **Dean Crowley (BCN 1992)**, Crowley Services, Inc. has grown to a total of 8 full time employees. Crowley was joined by Vice President, **Jason Wilson (BCN Graduate Studies 2003)**, in 2014 and Project Manager, **Victor Fosser (BCN 1993)** in 2016.



Crowley Services, Inc. is a Construction Management firm offering a full spectrum of construction related resources throughout Southwest Florida. Our services include General Contracting, Construction Management, Owner Representation and Bank Client Review Services.

Rinker Alum featured in “ENR California’s Top 20 Under 40 Features Diverse Young Professionals”

Kyle Frandsen, BCN 2010

Sustainability Project Manager
Balfour Beatty Construction, San Diego



In three years as sustainability project manager at Balfour Beatty Construction’s Southwest division, Kyle Frandsen directs an environmental focus throughout his 300-plus-employee division and implements the company’s best-management practices. He assists with LEED projects in Southern California, including the \$222-million LEED Gold Las Colinas Detention and Reentry Facility. He serves as a consultant to the Torrance Unified School District, assisting with its energy-efficient retrofit projects. He has also secured a state-funded training grant for Balfour Beatty and, in 2015, tracked 7,000 training hours from 275 employees. For the past three years, Frandsen has led the annual Green Apple Day of Service in partnership with the San Diego Green Building Council, selecting a local school that is in need of a sustainable transformation.

KMD Construction, LLC is pleased to announce their 15 year Anniversary. **Kyle Davis (BCN 1984)** and his wife, Kim, established their commercial construction business in October 2001. Over the past 15 years, KMD has enjoyed building for national clients throughout the southeastern area of the US and beyond. Originally licensed only in North Carolina, KMD currently holds building licenses in 11 states and has building privileges in several more.

Recently, KMD has been recognized as one of the Nation's Top Remodelers. Qualified Remodel has ranked KMD at 154 of the top 500 remodel companies in the nation. Rankings are based on gross sales associated with remodeling projects. Approximately half of KMD's projects qualified them to receive this top distinction among the industry. Kyle Davis states that he is "proud to be recognized and is pleased to have built his business to the very top".. He hopes to continue to grow and expand as opportunities are made available.

[BUILD], founded in 2006 by **Jay Howard (BCN 1999)** and **Bill Gaston (BCN 1999)** as a Southwest Florida concierge commercial and luxury residential construction management firm with a focus on relationship building and a commitment to excellence. Since then, [BUILD] has grown into a top-ranked, multi-million dollar company with numerous awards under their construction belt. As they celebrate their 10 - year anniversary, [BUILD’s] co-founder, Jay Howard, reflects on the company’s achievements: “We owe our success to the positive and growing Southwest Florida community, an industry leading team, our repeat clients and the topnotch design teams we partner with. We are looking forward to many more decades of success and continued friendships.” [BUILD] has made it their mission to create the highest quality spaces with an emphasis on excellence, always.



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Message from *Conrado Rodrigues, BCN 2009*

I want to give you my feedback so that potential and current BCN students get a perspective on how the BCN's Construction Management education curriculum is set up in a way that it will allow you to excel not only in building construction, but in an array of engineering and business industries.

Shortly after my last update in 2011, I was offered a position in the Power Generation industry as part of an internal career development program of General Electric – Power Division (GSINC). I spent a year visiting different Powerplants in the US to learn about the technical portion of the business, while helping manage their respective power outages.

The project management skills developed at Rinker helped me excel, and after a year I was promoted to Oil & Gas Service Manager for the whole country of Brazil, based in their Rio de Janeiro office, where I was responsible for providing and managing the field engineers and technical advisors for the GE offshore oil platforms, including the new oil platforms being built for Brazil's Pre-Salt Ocean region, which are the deepest oil wells in the world.

After a few years working between the US, Brazil and other countries in Latin America for them, I permanently returned to the US, where I accepted a position as the Global Project Manager for an European LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) plant manufacturer. It was a hybrid position where I managed the company's project initiatives, while working as a business development manager, visiting clients in different parts of the world in order to discuss the infrastructure needed to substitute their use of Diesel by LNG - a less polluting and more economical alternative. Recently, I accepted a position as the Director of Business Development - Gas Projects, for a multi-national power generation company headquartered in Miami called SoEnergy International, where I will be locating, developing, and closing Power Generation business deals around the globe.

I am very thankful for the knowledge and experience that I was given at Rinker. Although the technical aspects of the Power Generation industry are distinct from the core industry focus of BCN, the projects I have worked on boil down to the same principles taught relentlessly at BCN - complete projects on time, safely, and within budget. Throughout my career, I have been able to apply all of the knowledge concepts taught in our business, estimating, scheduling, safety, and managerial classes. It has certainly given me the foundation to get to where I am today. Go Gators!



William R. "Rick" Derrer has joined Gulf Building LLC as Chief Operating Officer. He oversees projects for the company, one of South Florida's premier providers of commercial, government and custom residential construction management services.



Michael F. Lanciault (BCN 1969) has joined Gulf Building LLC as Vice President of Preconstruction as part of a growing management team at the company, one of South Florida's premier providers of commercial, government and custom residential construction management services.



Dr. Caesar Abi Shdid (BCN 2005) has been named Chair of the Lebanese American University's Department of Civil Engineering. Caesar has transitioned into this role after being named interim department chair in August 2015. Caesar has held several academic positions and he brings more than 12 years of experience in higher education to the position of department chair. Caesar plans to further strengthen the department's emphasis on research and looks forward to ushering in new programs in Construction Engineering and Management.

Suffolk Construction recently announced the promotions of M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Construction Management graduates **Robbie Tiedeman (BCN 2002)** and **Kane Wei (BCN 2002)**. Tiedeman and Wei were classmates at UF and are now working together on University Village, a mixed-use development adjacent to Florida Gulf Coast University, which is right around the corner from Suffolk's Estero office. Tiedeman was promoted to project manager. In his new position, he will oversee day-to-day project management operations for University Village. Wei has been promoted to Senior Project Manager. In his new role, he will oversee the construction of University Village.



Robbie Tiedeman
BCN 2002



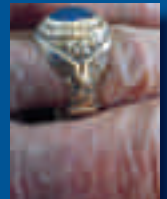
Kane Wei
BCN 2002

Alumni Showing off their Rinker Spirit!!



Turner Wiggins (BCN 1951)

dropped by the Rinker School for a visit. Dr. Jim Sullivan said that he had a great time meeting him and showed Turner around Rinker Hall. Dr. Sullivan loved his



UF BCN class ring and shared a picture with us.

Curtis Culver (BCN 1959) dropped by Rinker earlier this year and we were able to catch a photo of his BCN spirit on his license tag! Below he is pictured pointing to his brick that was just installed.

The Rinker School would like to welcome ALL of our graduates to come visit or send in a picture of your BCN Rinker spirit.



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Rodney Kincaid, BCN 1958 - Rodney has served at the pleasure of four Mayors of Winter Park Florida and has again been appointed as Chairman of the Construction Board of Adjustments & Appeals for a term ending in 2017. As an active commercial building contractor in Winter Park, he holds license CGC 00592 certified by Claude R. Kirk, Jr. Governor of the State of Florida in the year 1968. This may just place him as the oldest contractor still operating a commercial construction company in Florida.

David Gerhart, BCN 1975 - After 4 years, he reluctantly sold his 265 +/- year old Whitehurst Homestead on the Core Sound of North Carolina. He completed all the upgrades & modernizations and spent a year or so simply enjoying it before someone came along and made an offer he couldn't refuse. He remains in the Beaufort, North Carolina area until he makes decision for long term plans. In the interim, he will be spending the winter (their summer) in New Zealand! Lots of bike trails and hiking, some scuba, sailing and other water sports to enjoy.

Tim Ackert, BCN 1976 - Tim retired in 2016 after a very satisfying career in project management covering 40 years. Projects included: oil refineries, gas plants, performing art centers, convention centers, off shore production facilities, air ports, product development, and more. Projects were located in Saudi Arabia, Russia, Sumatra, Oman, Norway, Brazil, and multiple locations in the USA. This resulted in he and his wife moving 21 times in 43 years of marriage and visiting many countries around the world.

David Rush, BCN 1980 - David recently joined Charles Perry Partners, Inc. (CPPI) as a Senior Project Manager for the Orlando, FL office. David is currently involved in a number of projects in the pre-construction phase.

Darrell P. Stallings, BCN 1984 - Darrell is Managing Principal & Executive Team Leader of BuildSmart Enterprises, LLC, Atlanta, Georgia; a Construction Management & General Contracting Firm.

Randall Fitkin, BCN 1985 - Randy recently joined Charles Perry Partners, Inc. (CPPI) as the Vice-President and Regional Manager of the Tampa, FL based office.

Adair (Barnes) Owen, BCN 1987 - Adair moved to Stellar to be their Preconstruction Manager in the Commercial Construction Division.

Marcus Maya, BCN 1987 - Marcus has retired from over 30 years of estimating and remains living in the Vinings area of Atlanta.

Frank Kendrick, BCN 1989 - Frank is the Owner/President/CEO of NuJak Development, Inc., a full-service construction company specializing in preconstruction, construction management, and design-build. NuJak was blessed to receive several recognitions in 2016, in part, because of the construction of Florida Polytechnic University's Innovation, Science & Technology (IST) building, the state's 12th university focused on STEM principles and a \$107 Million project in collaboration with Skanska; along with the over \$40+ Million capital expansion projects at Southeastern University - both projects in Lakeland, FL. NuJak's 2016 recognitions included the (1) Tampa Bay Business Journal's (TBBJ) Fast 50 List, ranked as the 3rd Fastest Growing Company in Tampa Bay; (2) TBBJ's #18 Minority-Owned Business in Tampa Bay; (3) Business Observer's Gulf Coast 50 Fastest Growing List, ranked #31; (4) Business Observer's Gulf Coast 500 List, Ranked #349 and the (5) Florida Fast 100 List, ranked the 6th Fastest Growing Company in the state of Florida. Frank and his wife, Sonji, also a UF alum, are beyond thankful and excited for the future of NuJak!

Marc M Smith, BCN 1989 - Marc currently serves as the Chairman of the National Self Storage Association.

Allen S. Troshinsky, BCN 1990 - Allen was involved in the recently completed \$900M US Bank Stadium, new home of the Minnesota Vikings. This exciting project of 1,750,000sf was built in just 30 months. It includes steel structures of unprecedented size, the largest installation of transparent ETFE roof in North America, and the largest pivoting exterior doors and retractable seating system in the world. As a Vice President of Operations for Mortenson, Allen provides oversight to all of their sports projects, which currently includes new facilities for the Atlanta Braves, Milwaukee Bucks, and Golden State Warriors. Allen, Stacey (LAS '92), and their 3 children reside in Minnesota

Bryan Botic, BCN 1993 - Bryan graduated with a law degree from Barry University in May and was recently admitted to the Florida bar. He will be starting a new career with Siemens Energy in their legal department in Orlando.

Rob Maphis, BCN 1993 - Rob is currently Chairman of the West Orange Chamber of Commerce (WOCC). WOCC is an award-winning Chamber that is currently Chamber of the Year for the State of Florida. He has been involved with this organization for over a decade.

Carson Brownell, BCN 1997 - After 4 years as Sr. Vice President and Partner of HGR Construction, Carson is still going strong and excited to be part of a growing company doing over \$150,000,000 in revenue in 2016 and even more in 2017. Carson helped HGR recently move in to its new office building in Altamonte Springs that was built and owned by HGR. As a proud UF BCN alum and board member off the Central Florida UF BCN Club, you will see Carson at some upcoming UF BCN events at the school and around Central Florida supporting the program and meeting with the emerging student leaders of today. Go Gators!!

Michelle Forte Young, BCN 1997 - Michelle of FORTE YOUNG INC. has been retained by Liberty Property Trust (NYSE: LPT) in the capacity of Owner's Representative/Project Manager for development projects in their portfolio of commercial and industrial properties located in the Central Florida market. LPT is a \$9.2 billion real estate investment trust founded in 1972 and owns 104 million SF of office and industrial space throughout the USA and UK. Currently, Michelle is working on the conversion of a 150,000 SF temperature controlled warehouse from a cold food storage facility (cooler, freezer, cold dock, dry goods racking and mezzanine/office) to a dry storage facility (warehouse, loading dock and mezzanine/office).

Trey Beck, BCN 1998 - Trey is a Project Manager at the University of Central Florida Planning and Construction Department.

Randall Dragon BCN 1998 - The Dragon Group (TDG) | Randall Dragon has transitioned into a full time role as Partner & Chief Sustainability Officer in the Atlanta based firm which co-founded with his wife Yvonne in 2014. He manages Technical Advisory and Client Relationships on the commercial side of the business. Randall will be leveraging his 18 years of experience in Construction Management, Real Estate Development and Sustainability to grow business and partnerships throughout the Southeast. The Dragon Group specializes in providing general contracting, construction management and green development advisory to new construction, renovation, and real estate development projects. In addition, TDG develops sustainable multifamily and single family property in urban core areas, for more go to www.thedragongrp.com.

Sean Mountain, BCN 1998 - Sean is now a project manager with IFAS Facilities Planning and Operations at UF and have been so since March of 2014. He is currently managing new projects, renovations, additions and deferred maintenance projects representing the owner / end users. Sean moved back to Gainesville in March of 2014 with his wife Alisa and two children and are glad to be back to their hometown.

Allen Gast, BCN 2000 - Allen founded Gast Construction Group in 2011. Under his role as President, the firm has been awarded the AIA Palm Beach Small Builder of the Year Award and he was named one of four Finalists for Small Business Person of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches. Allen also serves as Chairman of the ACE Mentoring Program of Palm Beach and Martin Counties.

Evan Rosenblatt, BCN 2000 - Evan joined Pebb Enterprises as Director of Construction in August. Pebb Enterprises is located in Boca Raton, FL.

John Rickard, BCN 2000 - John is in his 6th year with Apple and manages the SPG (Special Projects Group) Project Management team. His group specializes in R&D projects and heavy process construction sites in the California Bay Area and adjacent states. Some of the specialty construction performed in the past year included pyrophoric and toxic gas systems, 3-D Carbon printers, 2% relative humidity dry rooms, anechoic chambers, RF chambers, laser cutters, robotic tool changers, and regenerative thermal oxidizers. In his spare time he can be witnessed cursing the York Family for their dismantling of his beloved 49ers.

Jessica Davisson, BCN 2001 - Jessica is the Director of Infrastructure for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Daniel Gochenaur, BCN 2002 - Daniel began his trade in construction doing his internship with a Historical Renovation Contractor in

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Peter Ramstedt, BCN 1994 - Peter is the Project Director with Turner International for the 19 acre mixed use Warisan Merdeka Development located in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The first phase, which started in March 2014, comprises an iconic 118 story tower, car park and shopping mall with a gross development value of \$1.3b. The Merdeka PNB118 Tower will be the 2nd tallest in SE Asia standing at 630 meters tall and will be the 5th tallest in the mega-tall category. Peter and his wife, along with their 4 kids, relocated to Malaysia at the start of the project from South Korea.



Washington DC and was privileged with working on the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on the White House grounds and also the Rayburn House Office building on Capitol Hill. This began his fascination of historical renovation and something He strives to continue as a niche for the Raynor Company Group. After his internship, Daniel returned for his final year in the BCN program at the University of Florida where he was a member of the first ever UF Design/Build Team. Upon graduation, he began working for a Walls and Ceilings Contractor that worked on various large scale projects. Eventually Daniel started his own Handyman and Renovation business which continued to grow. Daniel was then afforded the opportunity to come on board as the Vice President of Raynor Company Group in Jan 2013 and has never looked back. In Daniel's spare time he is heavily involved in the Tampa Bicycle Scene and currently is working with The Tampa Downtown Partnership and the Green Artery Team to promote, design and implement bike trails and paths in the Tampa Bay Area. He is a member of the SWAMP Mountain bike club and regularly enjoys traveling the Appalachian Mountains, camping and riding his mountain bike.

Ryan Phillips, BCN 2002 -- Ryan is an attorney in Orlando specializing in construction-related matters and has recently started his own practice--Ryan C. Phillips, P.A. He has more than 11 years experience handling all aspects of construction litigation, contract preparation and negotiation, all levels of appellate proceedings, Construction Industry Licensing Board matters, construction-related personal injury claims, and landlord/tenant matters. Ryan and his wife, Elise, welcomed their first child this year. Ryan can be reached at ryan.phillips@rphillips.com.

Ken Brown, BCN 2003 – Ken recently joined Charles Perry Partners, Inc. (CPPI) as an Estimator in Gainesville, FL.

Eric Holmberg, BCN 2006 – Eric started his own construction business, E Holmberg Construction LLC, this year. The Orlando based firm is actively pursuing commercial projects throughout Florida.

Travis Kolbjornsen, BCN 2007 - Travis got married last December on New Year's Eve to a fellow UF Alumni, Lisa Curran. She was a Journalism grad in '06. They live in Dr. Phillips, FL. She works at OUC (Orlando Utilities Commission) as a Marketing and Community Relations Manager. Travis is a Project Manager for Walt Disney World Co. Facility Asset Management and also still Chairman of the Central Florida ACE Mentor Program and on the Central Florida Gator BCN Club Board.

Aaron Leech, BCN 2009 - Since graduation, Aaron has gotten married, bought a house, and just recently found out he will be a dad! He just hit the 7 year mark with Hawkins Construction as they were his first and only employer direct out of college. Since his time with them, he has risen from Assistant Estimator, to Estimator, to Project Engineer, to Project Manager, and ultimately landing in the position of Preconstruction Manager. He currently manages a team of estimators, review estimates on 'bid day', formulate budgets, and oversee daily operations. In his time with Hawkins, he has operated in every facet of the commercial construction industry which has helped develop an overall understanding of construction management. Aaron stated that "Hawkins has given me every opportunity to learn from my experiences which I have certainly taken advantage of and am thankful for".

Adam Lieberman, BCN 2009 - Adam currently owns and operates, along with his brother and wife, a restaurant called Fuzzy's Taco Shop in Brandon, FL.

Justin Burrows, BCN 2008 - Justin joined Hensel Phelps in 2015 as a Business Development Manager in their Ft. Lauderdale office. His primary responsibilities include leading business development and procurement

initiatives for commercial projects ranging in value from \$20M-\$1B in the South Florida market (tri-county area). His role also includes spearheading the cross functional collaboration with operations, field and estimating personnel to develop a win strategy in regards to technical approach, project schedule and budget. Previously, Justin Burrows was employed with Jones Lang LaSalle, Cresa and DHL in various commercial real estate and construction roles with increasing responsibility.

Michael Woolcombe-Clark, BCN 2010 - After leaving Balfour Beatty in 2013 to pursue a law degree in the UK. He recently graduated first-class with honours (equiv. sum cum laude). He is currently working as a legal editor in London while undertaking the Bar Professional Training Course (a year-long course required to be a barrister [the equivalent of a litigator] in the UK).

Ryan Stroh, BCN 2010 - Ryan was recently promoted to Project Manager at D.E. Scorpio Corporation in Gainesville.

Scott Foss-Kilburn, BCN 2011- Scott has joined Ball Janik LLP's Orlando office as an Associate in its Construction and Litigation practice group. With a background in construction management, Scott approaches his cases from a unique perspective. He combines his legal and technical knowledge of the construction industry to produce positive results for his clients.

Daniel Pigott, BCN 2012 - Daniel was featured in the Fall 2014 section for BCN Athlete. An update to his story is as follows: At the end of last baseball season he had a pretty good idea that it would be his last after multiple injuries and surgeries. He took a position with Springer Construction for a year before accepted a role with Brandon Construction. After his first week on the job he stated, "I feel very blessed to have had multiple jobs from previous Rinker Grads who have gone on to run their own successful businesses. I am very thankful to the program for the opportunities and success stories it has produced."

Hunter Pruitt, BCN 2013 – Hunter has joined the Jacksonville office of Charles Perry Partners, Inc. (CPPI) and currently working as the Project Manager for the St. John's County School District's new "KK" Elementary School in Ponte Vedra, FL.

Chris Tatum, BCN 2014 – Chris recently joined the Orlando, FL office of Charles Perry Partners, Inc. (CPPI) and is currently working as the Assistant Project Manager for the Lake Sumter State College Science Lab Facility located on the South Lake Campus in Clermont, FL.

Samantha Leonard, BCN 2016 – Samantha recently joined Charles Perry Partners, Inc. (CPPI) in Gainesville, FL as an Estimating Intern. Additionally, Samantha will begin the M.E. Rinker Masters in Construction Management program in 2017.

Luke McLeod, BCN 2016 – Luke recently joined Charles Perry Partners, Inc. (CPPI) and is currently working as an Assistant Project Manager on Phase 2 of the Florida Innovation Hub at UF in Gainesville, FL.

Nicholas Gabri, BCN 2017 – Nick recently joined Charles Perry Partners, Inc. (CPPI) in Gainesville, FL as an Estimating Intern.

Cole Studstill, BCN 2018 – While completing his BCN degree, Cole is working as an Intern for Charles Perry Partners, Inc. (CPPI) in Gainesville, FL.



BCN Alumni Regional Club Updates

Tampa Bay

2015 Fishing Tournament

In October, the Tampa Bay BCN Gators held their 8th Annual In-shore Fishing Tournament at Hula Bay Grill in the heart of Tampa Bay. The tournament blew away previous year's totals by registering 69 boats for the tournament and raising over \$35,000 for the Rinker School.

With so many entries, the tournament prizes were expanded to include 4th and 5th places, which were taken home by the Dykens Family from Make-a-Wish (sponsored by Hanlon Acoustical) and J.E. Charlotte Construction. Bolstered by a 37" cobia, Team Borrell Electric came in 3rd place with a 95.5" aggregate catch. With the tournament's biggest snook catch at 39.5", Team Ferguson Enterprises took home 2nd place with a 96" aggregate catch. It took BCN Alumnus Mark Philips and his Team Marcobay caravan (yes, they really brought a caravan) to make all the other catches look inferior. It wasn't the respectable 31" snook, nor the 34" redfish (which tied two others for the biggest in the tournament) that did the trick, it was the 46" king mackerel that put them over the top. Their aggregate of 111" was far and away the largest aggregate of any of the 8 tournaments that the TBBCN Gators have held. Congrats to Mark and his team on the big win.



Thank you to all of the sponsors that helped make the tournament a great success. Special thanks to **Pat Walsh (BCN 1974)** and **Amprop Development** for their support in taking the title sponsor. Thanks also to **Waste Pro** for sponsoring the great tournament shirts.

Orange & Blue Gator Sponsors included: Wal-Mark Contracting, Nelson Construction, JE Dunn Construction, Peninsular Mechanical, Gilbane Building Company, Hennessey Construction Services, Veranda Homes, Cemex, Borrell Electric, Diaz Fritz Group, Power Design, Yellowstone Landscape, Tappouni Mechanical, Fergusson Enterprises, Springer Peterson Roofing, Marco Bay Construction, The PHM Group, CQ Insulation, KHS&S Contractors, Zurich, Angle & Schmid, Bravo Landscape, New Age Reprographics, and Hahn Engineering

The 2016 Fishing Tournament was held on October 21st and will be reported in the next edition.

Palm Beach County

The Palm Beach County Gator BCN Club hosted a social on August 3, 2016 at The Wine Dive in West Palm Beach. Thank you to the event sponsors The Weitz Company and Gast Construction.



2016 Golf Tournament

Lake Jovita Golf & Country Club in Dade City was the site of The Tampa Bay BCN Gators 11th Annual Golf Fundraiser on Thursday, March 31, 2016. Once again, The Tampa Bay BCN Gators are proud to announce that the \$35,800 raised and returned to The Rinker School was a new high, reached only through the generous support of local businesses, BCN Alumni and Friends of the School and The University of Florida. The group of TBBG Directors that volunteered hundreds of hours of their time and effort to make this yearly event a success are recognized for their exceptional efforts.



First, Second and Third place winning teams were Clark Construction, CSSI, and Tampa Pavement Constructors respectively. The Long Drive winners were Danny Hackman and **Rachel Powell (BCN 2014)**. Larry Hall won the Closest to the Pin Contest and Tom Clearwater and Mike Stanley were first and second in the Putting Contest.

The success of this fundraiser was only possible with the tremendous support from our **Sponsors**: Peninsular Mechanical, Mill-Rite Woodworking Company, RIPA & Associates, The Raynor Group, Zurich Surety, United Rentals, Zurich Surety, Springer Peterson Roofing & Sheet Metal, Walbridge Construction, Personnel Response Team. **Foursome sponsors** were: Argos USA; Key Glass; Arthur Rutenberg Homes; KHS&S; Batson-Cook Construction; McRae & Metcalf, P.A.; Brandon Construction, Moss & Associates, CEMEX, Peninsular Mechanical, Clark Construction, ReSource Florida, Coastal Mechanical, Tappouni Mechanical, Control Systems Specialists, Inc., Team Fishel, Cox Fire; The Raynor Group, David Nelson Construction, Universal Fire Systems, Diaz Fritz Isabel General Contractors, Wal-Mark Contracting Group, Envision/Mayer Electrical Supply Co., Angle & Schmid, Inc., Reno Building, Waste Management, Hawkins Construction, Inc., J. E. Dunn Construction, Gerda, Tampa Pavement Constructors, Gilbane Building Co., Cornerstone/Mainstay/Burgess Civil. **Hole Sponsors** were: Batson-Cook, Cooper, Johnson, Smith Architects, Cardinal Door, J. E. Charlotte Construction Corp., Diaz Fritz Isabel General Contractors; RoyalAire Mechanical Services, Hohman Homes Real Estate, Sofarelli & Associates Architects, Kellogg & Kimsey, Inc., Spectra Contract Flooring, Nielson, Wojtowicz, Neu & Associates, Tampa Bay Trane, Peninsular Mechanical, Thurn Construction, Stan Weaver & Co., Wicked Smart Homes, Tappouni Mechanical, Suncoast Autobuilders. Printing & Graphics Sponsor - New Age Reprographics.

The Tampa Bay BCN Gators are gratified by the continued support of local businesses and golf venues that provide terrific gifts for the raffle that add to the fun and success of this event. This year's acknowledgements include gifts from: Gator Gypsum, Home Depot, White Cap Supply, Mugs Sports Bar, Mister Car Wash, Performance South, Sunset Cadillac and Ram Tool and Supply. Lake Jovita Golf and Country Club, Innisbrook Golf Resort, St. Petersburg Country Club, Isla Del Sol Yacht and Country Club, The Mark Bostick Golf Course and the coveted Green Links Golf Resort also gifted foursome certificates.

BCN Alumni Regional Club Updates

Central Florida

The Central Florida BCN Alumni group had a very busy Spring/Summer with three major fund raising events that raised over \$109,000!! The events are always a great time to catch up with old and new friends. The club presented a check to the school at the Country Club of Orlando on October 11th. Thank you to everyone that participated and sponsored all of our events.

We started off the year with a “bang” in February with our 3rd Annual Sporting Clay Challenge. The event raised \$22,892! We moved to a new venue this year (Catfish Creek), which allowed us to expand the number of teams for a record turnout of 144 shooters. We had several Bartow High School student volunteers are members of the ACE Mentorship program. Balfour Beatty Construction was the platinum sponsor of the event. Other major supporters of the event included Springer Peterson Roofing (shirt sponsor), HGR Construction (Gold/Cart Sponsor), The Nassal Company (Gold/Cart Sponsor), and J. Raymond Construction (Silver/Pavilion Sponsor). The 4th Annual Sporting Clay Challenge is scheduled for January 13, 2017.

April brought our event that everyone in the Central Florida area always looks forward to – the 8th Annual CFL BCN Gator Golf Tournament. The event raised \$64,667! We had 212 golfers over two courses at Orange County National Golf Center and Lodge. Everyone at the opportunity to win a 2016 Ford F-150 thanks to Mullinax Ford. Our major sponsors included Balfour Beatty Construction (lunch), A&E Solutions (beverage cart), Jimmy Hickman

Upcoming Events for Alumni in Central Florida

Sporting Clay Challenge – January 13, 2017

Golf Tournament – April 7, 2017

Fishing Tournament – May 19, 2017

Excavating (beverage cart), Pece of Mind Environmental (beverage cart), Trimark (tee party), Trojan Labor (tee party), and True Blue (tee party). The 9th Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for April 7, 2017.

Our third major event of the year was the 2nd Annual Fishing Tournament out of Blue Points Marina in Port Canaveral. This event raised \$22,062! Twenty seven boats (17 chartered and 10 DIY) participated in the tournament. We wrapped up the evening with dinner and an awards ceremony at Fishlips. The major sponsors included HGR Construction (Hat), Mader Southeast (Banner/Shirt), J. Raymond Construction (Banner/Shirt), Maddox Electric Company (Banner/Shirt), Fishlips (BBQ), Advanced Millwork (Koozie), and ZTE Engineering (Supply Bucket). Next year’s fishing tournament will be May 19, 2017.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our events next year. Thanks again for continuing to support the school.



BCN Alumni Club South Florida

The South Florida BCN Alumni Club hosted their 1st Annual Fishing Tournament on June 17, 2016. Participants from over twenty boats convened at the weigh-in and awards bar-b-que at Sands Harbor Resort & Marina. The event was extremely successful bringing in over \$40,000 for the Rinker School and would not have been made possible without the sponsorships from: Baker Concrete, Balfour Beatty Construction, Hypower, Go-Tilt Construction, Moss Construction, Sunbelt, Current Builders, Miller glass & Glazing, United Rentals, Power Design, J. Raymond Construction, Coastal Construction, HJ Foundation, Alpha Wrecking, Southeast Mecchanical, Supermix, Titan, Everglades Group, Steel Fabrica-

tors, Florinda Civil, Gulf Building, Miller Construction, Avanced Millwork, Moraca Building, Inc., Bank United, Cemex, Horton Jones Electric, Victaulic, Coastal Sheet Metal, Reliable Concrete Cutting, FSMY Architects & Planners and Brighton Air Conditioning Inc.

The 2nd Annual fishing tournament is scheduled for Friday, June 16, 2017 with a Captain’s Meeting on the Wednesday prior, June 14, 2017. For more information contact Nick Krarup at nkrarup@balfourbeattyus.com or 561-254-0910.



*Central Florida Gator BCN Club's
 8th Annual Golf Tournament*



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Longest Drive



Tee Party Sponsors:



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The 2016 Atlanta Golf Tournament was held on October 18th and will be reported in the next edition.

BCN Alumni Regional Club Updates

Southwest Florida

The 7th Annual SW Florida Gator BCN Alumni Club was held on July 16, 2016 and yielded \$7,500 with 21 boats and 56 anglers. A big thank you goes to the sponsors and tournament organizers of this event.

Major Sponsors were:

- Andersen Windows and Doors (Seven Year Sponsor)
- Florida Wood Window and Door (Seven Year Sponsor)
- Acousti Engineering (Five Year Sponsor)

Additional Tournament Sponsors were:

- Build, Inc.
- Trapper Custom Marine
- Ferguson Enterprises
- Encore Bank
- Sunmaster, Inc
- Rusty's Bar & Grill
- D. Garrett Construction
- Alpha Omega Construction
- Stahlman England Irrigation
- T. R. Rushing Construction
- Pegasus Builders, Inc.
- Tavern on the Bay – Mike Bono



1st Place winners were David Orr, Rick Radunz and Captain John Morrison



2nd Place winners were Troy Pruitt, Curtis Strange, Bruce Jackmack

BCN Alumni Regional Club Updates

Northeast Florida

The 4th Annual N.E. Florida Gator BCN Alumni Golf Tournament was held on October 28th at the Deercreek Country Club in Jacksonville, FL. This year's event was the largest turnout to date, with 108 golfers and the event raised nearly \$20,000 for the U.F. School of Construction Management. The weather was perfect and was the start of a great Florida-Georgia weekend in the home of the largest outdoor Cocktail party! Special thanks going out to all our sponsors, and a big congratulation to Smith Brothers Plastering Company who won the event with an 18 under par! Mark your

calendars for next year on Friday October 27th, 2017 to start off another Florida-Georgia weekend here in Jacksonville. If you would like more information about the event or like to get involved, please don't hesitate to contact Todd Russell at Haskell (todd.russell@haskell.com).



Rinker Students (l-r) Drake Babis, Aaron Cobb, and Manish Singh sit with alum Tim Good and Stacey Barton, Courtney Gabiga (Gerdau Steel) and Stuart Cobb

BCN Alumni Regional Club Fundraising efforts

With the generosity and fundraising efforts of our alumni clubs the Rinker School was able to purchase a new van this year. The 15 passenger van will replace the older van and provide a safer experience and dependable transportation for the students to go on field trips.

In the past few years, with the funds generated by the clubs, the Rinker School has been able to offer 52 scholarships totalling \$141,500 to students who declare BCN as their major. These scholarships were created to attract students to our program.

Renovations to the main lobby, student lounge and Rinker 140 were completed this year. thanks to these funds. Updates in the Main Lobby included new furniture, carpet, lighting, and electrical and USB outlets. Student Lounge improvements were new furniture and large screens for collaboration while 140 Rinker Hall received new reconfigurable furniture over a raised floor with electrical power connections.

The Rinker School would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for all that our alumni does to support our School.



Scholarship recipients attend the fall Executive Committee meeting to meet the members and share how they learned about Rinker and a little about themselves.



The new Rinker School 15-passenger van.



Main Rinker Lobby



Student Lounge

Alumni memories...

by Herb McCaskill, BCN 1961

My journey as a Gator began in the fall of 1956 when my parents drove me from middle Georgia to Gainesville; unloaded my things and immediately left to drive back home. I was left standing on the sidewalk not knowing a single person. I had come to study architecture; but very quickly I realized that becoming an architect was not what I wanted to do the rest of my life. When I told my father that I wanted to change my major to construction, he replied "think of changing to civil engineering, or something you can be a professional in." Architecture was in Building E, located behind the Administration building, and was a temporary World War II building. Building Construction was in Building K, located near the Engineering building. I can still remember the smell of ole K. The oil in the floors probably would have filled a tanker. Another thing I remember was making sure I got a seat that was not behind a post! Since most of the students were returning veterans from the Korean War, I was the youngest one in our class. The Head of the construction program was Herman H. Block. We had a diverse faculty, of which, I will mention three. The first was Morrie Trimmer who taught our electrical course. He was the kind of faculty member every program would like to have. Morrie would say to us, "if you do not understand things, come over to my house at night and I will help you." And then there was Don Halperin! Any of you who knew Don knows that there was one and only one Don Halperin! He taught all the structures courses. On the first day of class he marched into the classroom and announced, "I don't guess I have to tell you who I am!" He didn't; we all knew who he was! Probably my favorite teacher was Harry Reynolds who was a retired constructor. Harry would tell of his experiences on projects. I really got a lot out of that and had no idea that I would be doing the same thing some 30 years later.

After I graduated in January 1961, I spent two years in the Army during the building of the wall in Berlin and the Cuban missile crisis and just missed going to Viet Nam. I became owner and president of a construction company in Georgia for the next twenty years performing commercial and industrial construction. My primary work was for the kaolin industry, both in their processing plants and mining operations. Owning and running a construction company has got to be the most interesting business to be in and I cannot think of any other business like it. Jobs are different, problems are different, subcontractors and weather is different. I loved to go to work every day. A contractor friend of mine said the only reason he went to work was to see what the heck was going to happen next! I can still remember thinking back in 1956 that the Constructor was just as professional as Architects and Engineers. I said to anyone who would listen that they are the ones taking all the risks! They can calculate the quantity of materials very accurately but they are making educated guesses at the costs of labor, at the time required, at equipment needs and cost, plus managing subs and delivery. Then try to make a profit and at the same time beat your competitor. That is not a professional job? My argument always has been that all the great buildings throughout Europe were built by Master Builders. These Master Builders did it all - the design, engineering, and construction. Believe me, there can be volumes written about the development of the modern constructor and construction education, but I will try to point out some highlights. Please note this, my fellow Gators --- the first program in building construction in the nation was established in Architecture at the University of Florida in 1935. The name of the degree was changed to Bachelor of Building Construction in 1948. In 1956, the option in Architecture was eliminated and moved to the newly established Department of Building Construction in good ole Building K.

Construction education got its start in the AGC Education Committee when the committee was established in 1936 by AGC president William A. Klinger of Sioux City, Iowa. Their objective was to create new curricula pointing to construction as a separate professional discipline. It started slowly and went through a lot of growing pains. Was it Technology? Construction Engineering? Something without Engineering in it? Another important development happened in 1965. An organizational meeting of the Associated Schools of Construction was held on the campus of the University of Florida. This meeting was called by Loys Johnson, who was head of the Florida program. Eight schools were represented at that first

meeting. Today there are 92 member schools. This helped and continues to help programs to help toward the same goals and program development. In the early 1970's things really began to take off for the Constructor with the creation of the American Institute of Constructors (AIC) and the American Council for Construction Education (ACCE). Again out of the AGC Education Committee came acknowledgment of the need not only for these new construction graduates in their companies but also the need of professionalizing the individual practitioner. My friend, Richard Frantz of Dugan Construction in Cincinnati wrote in 1967, "We must establish a criteria for professionalism apart from that of the Professional Engineer. We must judge the Builder on his ability to construct not design." There was a lot of study of other professional organizations such as the Chartered Institute of Building in Great Britain and the Australian Institute of Building. Many hours were spent coming up with the structure and by-laws to create this new Institute. If there was one person who could be named the driving force to the founding of AIC it would be Walter Nashert of Oklahoma. Many people were involved in the development such as Walter Lathrop of Ohio, A. C. Breckenridge and Thurman Potts of Louisiana, Ed Shaifer of Arizona, Walter Meyer of Colorado, and Loys Johnson of Florida. AIC was incorporated in May 1971 and has levels of membership from Student, Member, and Fellow based on age, education and experience.



Loys contacted me during this time and told me "Herb, we now have in place what you have been wanting." I had talked to Loys several times in the past and we had discussed professionalism. I joined immediately and became active in AIC from the beginning. I served as Chair of all of the AIC committees and was elected president in 1984-85. While I was president we held the annual Forum in England and I was delighted to attend a meeting and to my knowledge is the only meeting ever of the presidents of the Constructor Institutes of Great Britain, Australia, South Africa and the United States. One thing AIC started was certification of Constructors by experience and examinations. One of the first of AIC initiatives was to set up a nationally recognized group for accreditation of construction programs from which the American Council for Construction Education was formed. Again, many people were involved with the set up and organization of ACCE in 1974. Two schools immediately began work and applied for a visit from ACCE. The two schools were Northeast Louisiana University and the University of Florida. When the Board of Trustees met in the summer of 1975 these two programs became the first two to be accredited. From that beginning, there are now 74 baccalaureate degree programs, 3 master degree programs, and 12 associate degree programs accredited by ACCE.

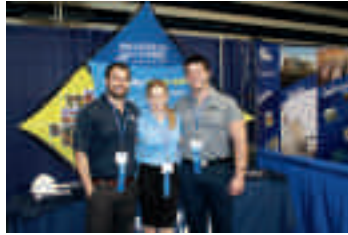
In 1982 I sold my company and before I could start on my new planned project I got a call from Thurman Potts at Northeast Louisiana University asking me to join his faculty. I had been the Industry Member of the Visiting Team to NLU in 1980 when they had their first re-accreditation visit. I was impressed with the program and finally told Thurman I would come for one year. That year stretched to 21. While at ULM, I went to Texas A & M University and obtained a master degree in construction management. I continued to be active in AIC and ACCE by serving on 11 Visiting Teams for ACCE, four 3-year terms as a National Trustee both as a member from Industry and as an Educator, chairing committees, and authored the Visiting Team Report format and developed all the internal report forms while serving as Chair. While I was president during 1999-2001, Dan Dupree, Executive Vice President and I went to Washington D. C. to appear before the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) to ask that ACCE continue to be recognized as the accrediting agency for construction programs and that was granted.

I never dreamed that I would become like Harry Reynolds and enjoy teaching and sharing war stories. I retired in 2003 and now enjoy life at a slower pace. It has been an interesting journey since I stood on that sidewalk in 1956 and I am proud to be a Gator.

Career Fairs 2016

The Career Fairs for 2016 were held in two different venues due to the construction schedule of the O'Connell Center.

The Spring 2016 was in the O'Connell on February 16, 2016 with 92 companies and over 300 students in attendance. Pictured on right is Brasfield & Gorrie representatives: Jacob Stern (BCN 2013), Lauren Turner, and Harry Frank (BCN 2015)



The Fall 2016 was in the Reitz Union on September 8, 2016 with 88 companies and nearly 350 students in attendance.

Next Career Fair...

*February 1st, 2017
O'Connell Center*



Industry Focus Group

Industry review and participation in course quality improvement has always been a strength of the Rinker program. As of fall 2015 the M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Construction management has moved from prescriptive course reviews to student learning outcome course reviews. This process focuses on assessment based learning where courses are developed around key learning outcomes with an emphasis on testing measures and creative work produced by students. Additionally courses are now stacked under umbrella learning outcomes where material is introduced, reinforced and directly assessed as the student moves through the program.

Instead of reviewing thematic course groups, we will be reviewing the series of courses with learning outcomes that introduce, reinforce, and assess the ACCE and SACS SLOs. This will allow for a more thorough review and understanding of student learning through the curriculum.

Each spring industry representatives are invited to Rinker to hear about selected courses and offer feedback on ways to improve the courses to meet industry standards. The Rinker School would like to thank those volunteers who participate in this course review.



Homecoming 2016

On Saturday, October 15th the Rinker School inducted David Brandon and John Sofarelli into the Construction Hall of Fame and then headed to the Design, Construction and Planning (DCP College) north lawn for a delicious BBQ sponsored by **Current Builders**. Thanks to all those who spent hours on creating such an awesome float!



A HUGE thank you to **Current Builders** for sponsoring the 2016 Homecoming BBQ.

Many thanks to the sponsors of the College of Design, Construction & Planning Homecoming Float! BBI Construction Management, Hedrick Brothers Construction, J. Raymond Construction and Oelrich Construction. Thank you for your support!



Women in Construction Forum

On February 5, 2016, the Rinker School held the first Women in Construction Forum. This forum was created to provide mentor opportunities between female alum and current students as well as practical advice on being a female in the construction industry and job search advice. The Forum concluded with a lunch and a field trip hosted by the NAWIC student chapter of a local Skanska project.

The guest speakers include:

Stacey Barton, (BCN 1991) Vice President
Haskell

Kristin Gray, (BCN 2009) Business Development
Turner Construction Company

Michelle Forte-Young (BCN 1997), President & Owner
Forte-Young, Inc.

Debra Anderson, Director
UF International Student Services

Melissa Lyon, Assistant Director for Career Exploration and Education
UF Career Resource Center



Spring 2016 Welcome Reception — Spring 2016 Graduation Dinner —

The Rinker School hosted its Spring 2016 Welcome Reception at Rinker Hall on January 14, 2016. The student clubs set up tables to showcase their activities. Next, the faculty & staff gave presentations on the different BCN programs for international exchanges, career placement, and other School “need-to-knows”. The students were then welcomed as the newest members to the BCN family with a “white hat ceremony” and dinner was sponsored by **Juneau Construction**.



Nancy Juneau and Jake Landrenau (BCN 2011) are presented a plaque of appreciation by Dr. Larry Muszynski

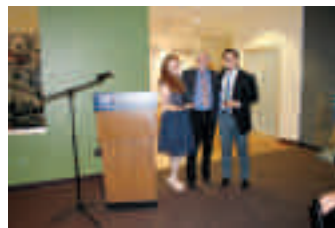
The Rinker School held its Spring 2016 Graduation Dinner at the Florida Museum of Natural History on April 29, 2016. Awards and/or recognition were given to the 2016 Distinguished Alumnus - Daniel Whiteman (BCN 1969, 1992, 2002), Student Academic Excellence - Samantha Leonard, Student Leadership Award - Amy Jo Dailey, and the Nancy Perry Award for Teaching Excellence - Dr. Rick Smailes. Also honored at this event were retiring faculty members Dr. Rick Smailes and Dr. Doug Lucas.



Dr. Rick Smailes (left), his wife Becki stands with Dr. Doug Lucas (right) and his Betty to be recognized for their contributions as Rinker Faculty. Congratulations on your retirements!



Amy Jo Dailey is awarded the Outstanding Student Leadership plaque by Dr. Robert Ries.



Samantha Leonard and Austin Anderson received the Best Overall Capstone Project award by Dr. Rick Smailes.



A HUGE thank you to **Juneau Construction** for sponsoring the Spring 2016 Welcome Reception.

Fall 2016 Welcome Reception —

On August 31, 2016, the Rinker School hosted its Fall 2016 Welcome Reception at Rinker Hall. The student clubs set up tables to showcase their activities. Next, the faculty & staff gave presentations on the different BCN programs for international exchanges, career placement, and other School “need-to-knows”. The students were then welcomed as the newest members to the BCN family with a “white hat ceremony” and dinner was sponsored by **D.E. Scorpio Construction**.



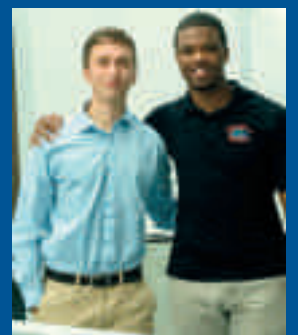
Domenic Scorpio (BCN 1998) is presented an appreciation plaque by Dr. Robert Ries

A HUGE thank you to **D.E. Scorpio Construction** for sponsoring the Fall 2016 Welcome Reception.



ACE recruits

Meet Sean Dillon and Chris Ferguson who are first semester Junior's in the Rinker School.

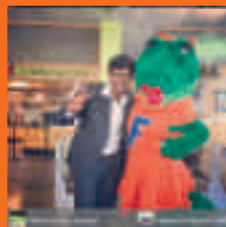


Both Sean and Chris attended the ACE Summer Camps that were hosted by the Rinker School and sponsored by their local ACE program. After attending their local colleges' both transferred to the University of Florida to attend the Rinker School.

The ACE Mentor Program (Architecture, Construction & Engineering) helps mentor high school students and inspires them to pursue careers in design and construction.

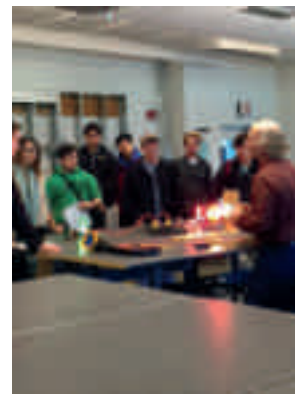
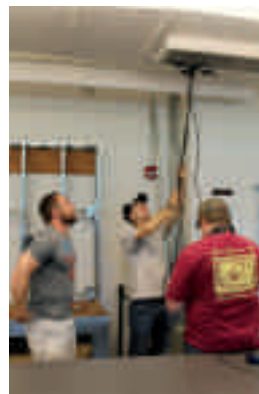
In an effort to recruit students, the Rinker School hosted ACE summer camps in 2013 & 2014. We are very proud and excited to have these two in our program.

Graduate Student Appreciation Week Manish Singh is the Chairperson for the Graduate Student Council for the University of Florida.



Student Activities

Labs, Classes, Field Trips & Community Service



Student testimony on internship

8 month internship experience



Graduate Student, Prafull Vijay, went to work as a summer intern with Skanska in Ft. Lauderdale, FL on The Patricia and Frost Museum of Science, also known as the Miami Science Museum Project. Skanska offered him a chance for an 8 month internship which Prafull happily accepted knowing that this would be an invaluable experience.

ence museum will include a state-of-the-art planetarium, a 500,000-gallon salt-water aquarium, a five-story Innovation Center and café, a sustainable roof with a hydroponic garden, and numerous exhibition galleries. The project will pursue LEED Platinum certification.



The project is scheduled for completion in December and has 4 different structures. A planetarium that features a simulated view/presentation of space, a big tank of aquatic animals with different views as from the top of the tank, beneath the tank, and the sides, a stingray aquatic animals tank where people can touch and experience live water animals. The North and West Buildings will have aerial caves and cages for birds as well as gator, crocodile, and reptiles tanks.

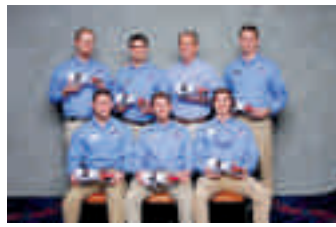
Prafull stated that this internship “not only gave me a profound hand lay experience on an industrial level but also enhance my interpersonal skills, leadership, team and time management skills as well as techno-management skills. I acquired the experience which I couldn’t have from theoretical teaching in school”.

The Patricia and Phillip Frost Museum of Science (FMOS) project is a cutting edge, 280,000-SF, multi-use science and innovation exhibition hall, planetarium and aquarium being built in Museum Park in the Greater Miami Downtown region. The world-class, five-story office incorporates office, ticketing, concessions, eatery and conveniences, and in addition a 220-space beneath grade parking structure. Every building (North Building, West Building, Planetarium, and Living Core) are interconnected. The venture incorporates the fit-out of 3,500- SF occupant space, which is situated over the road from the principle job-site. The undertaking additionally incorporates the development of all underground utilities and the primary street. Highlights of the new sci-

Student Competition Teams



Spring 2016 Residential Competition Team competed in Las Vegas, NV at the National Association of Home Builders Conference. Team members (l-r): Austin Anderson, Ryan Thibbadeaux, Danny Herrnriquez, Anthony Alessandrini, Inter Design students, Davis Ferguson, Edward SanJuan, Dr. Rick Smailes. Faculty Advisor - Dr. Rick Smailes.



Spring 2016 Concrete Competition Team **placed 1st** at the ASC Conference in Reno, NV. Team members (back l-r) Tyrone Cosson, Taylor Muth, Dr. Sullivan, Kyle Shepard (front l-r) Skyler Sadez Lee Kenzel, and Thomas Cook. Faculty Advisor: Dr. Jim Sullivan. Thanks to team sponsor **Baker Concrete**



Fall 2016 ABC Competition Team **placed 1st in Quality Control** at the ABC Convention in Dallas, TX. Team members were (l-r) Jeff Short, Cory Kranek, Josh Roosa, Melissa Morgan, Julia Shea (shadow), Mike Presley (shadow), not pictured: Josh Walton (shadow), Kevin Franklin (shadow). Faculty Advisor - Dr. Jim Sullivan. Thanks to team sponsor **Hedrick Brothers**.



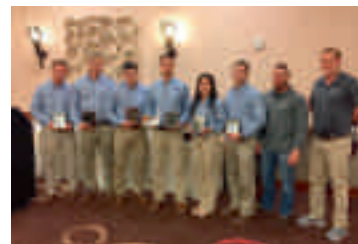
Fall 2016 ASC Design-Build Competition Team were (l-r) Ilya Andruschenko, Nick Stockhammer, Shligton Estime, Kyle Knauer, Anna McIntosh, and Peitro Mendonca. Faculty Advisor - Dr. Russ Walters. The team competed in Atlanta at the ASC Regional Competition. Thanks to team sponsor **Haskell**.



Spring 2016 LEED Green Building Competition Team **placed 1st** in Reno, NV at the ASC Conference. Team members (l-r) Kiara Sims, Tori Reszetar, Emily Hayden, Jeff Short, Corey Kranek and Stephen Boyd. Faculty Advisor: Dr. Jim Sullivan. Thanks to team sponsor **Hedrick Brothers**.



Spring 2016 Roofing Competition Team **placed 1st**. Team members (l-r) Nick Lowenthal, Edward SanJuan, Team Advisor Rob Springer, Drew Winsett, Caleb Stauss Faculty Advisor: Dr. Jim Sullivan. Thanks to team sponsor **National Roofing Contractors Association**.



The Fall 2016 Concrete Competition team won **Best Presentation** at the ASC Regional Competition in Atlanta. Team members were (l-r) Jonathan Gawron, Emad Mufleh, Javier Varela, Taylor Muth, Scarlett Perez, and Skyler Sadez and Baker representatives (far right: **Ray C. Southern, BCN 2011**)



Spring 2016 Heavy Civil Competition Team takes **2nd place** at the ASC Competition (l-r) James Eubank, Cooper Reece, Nick Kalafatis, Trevor McMillen, Wallace Combs, Civil Engineer student and Dr. Russell Walters. Thanks to team sponsor **Nelson Construction**.

ABC Student Golf Tournament

The ABC Student-Contractor Golf Tournament was held on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at Ironwood Golf Course. This marks 25 years of the students hosting this event. Thank you to all who sponsored, participated, and volunteered for this event.



"IN ALL KINDS OF WEATHER WE ALL STICK TOGETHER" in the BCN family!



Dr. Rick Smailes and his wife, Becki, recently retired to their home on King's Bay in Crystal River on July 29th and had just settled in when on September 2nd they were hit with the water surge from Hurricane Hermine. Not a good start! The home took on about a foot of water throughout and all three vehicles were totaled.

Becki reached out to her former employer, Barry Rutenberg of Arthur Rutenberg Homes to see if there was a local franchise that could help. As it turned out Eddie Garton (BCN 2009) works as Purchasing Manager at Lyons Heritage Homes, in Lutz. Eddie was on Dr. Smailes' homebuilding team when they were at Rinker. Eddie sent drywall and finish carpentry crews in to help them repair the house. As of November 1st their home is substantially complete and they are awaiting the arrival of their children and grandchildren for the holidays.

Another example of the BCN network and Gators helping Gators in all kinds of weather.



Spring 2016 Capstone Course Judges (on left) Tim Stanley (BCN 2003) with Dr. Rick Smailes and Travis Kolbjornsen (BCN 2007)

Guest Lectures

Spring 2016

BCN 1001 - Intro to Construction

Calvin Peterson, CPPI
Troy Lauramoore, CPPI
Samantha Leonard, CPPI
Carson Stefanelli, CPPI
Nick Salce, Kiewit
Matt Pinkoson, Skanska

BCN 3255C - Graphic Communication

Matthew Vanture, Whiting-Turner
Ryan Camer, Haskell
Alden Slemkewicz, Haskell
Jennifer Shin, Augment

BCN 3027C - Intro to Construction Management

Chad Douglas, Holder
Dan Bentil, Building Point Florida

BCN 4510 - Mechanical Systems

Nick Nodae, Viega
Jordy Cassidy, Victaulic
Jim Tharp, Tharp Plumbing
Tony Chaves, Tharp Plumbing
Rob Boyer, InTec

BCN 4787C - Construction Capstone Project

Dave Schmit, Schmit + Associates
Miles Albertson, UF Planning, Design & Construction
Tim Becker, UF Bergstrom Center for Real Estate

BCN 6641 - Construction Value Engineering

Brian Kappel, Stellar

Fall 2016

BCN 1001 - Intro to Construction

Calvin Peterson, CPPI
Troy Lauramoore, CPPI
Samantha Leonard, CPPI
Carsen Stefanelli, CPPI
Terry Frey, CPPI
Daniel Cramer, J. Raymond
Stacy Barton, Haskell
Russel Dingman, Kiewit
Kiara Sims, Ajax
Steven Nichols, Brasfield & Gorrie

BCN 1582 - International Sustainable Development

Damon Allen, Rinker Faculty

BCN 3027C - Intro to Construction Management

Chad Douglas, Holder
John Sofarelli, J. Raymond Construction
Matt Brown, The Nassal Company

BCN 3224C - Construction Techniques

Bryan Light, Brick Industry of America
Douglas Sutter, Sutter Roofing
Steven Nickles, Brasfield & Gorrie
Will Maddux, Hitt Construction

BCN 3255C - Graphic Communications

Matthew Vanture, Whiting Turner
Kris Lengienza, Stiles Corporation

BCN 3611C - Estimating

Kris Lengienza, Stiles Corporation



Matt Johnson (BCN 2015) (l-r), Dr. Abdol Chini & Chris Kreifels



Glenn Mullins (BCN 1980), Dr. Abdol Chini and Matt Webster (BCN 1995)



Dr. Abdol Chini and James Marini (BCN 2007)



Dr. Abdol Chini and Rob Maphis (BCN 1993)



Ryan Cramer and Alden Slemkewicz (BCN 2013)

BCN 3730 - Construction Safety, Health & Environment

Jeff Treffinger, AECOM
Christopher Diaz, Balfour Beatty

BCN 4105 - Sustainable Housing

Bill Lazar, St. John's Housing
Thomas Stauffacher, St. John's Housing

BCN 4510 - Mechanical Systems

Nick Nodae, Viega
Jordy Cassidy, Victaulic
Jim Tharp, Tharp Plumbing
Elia Velis, Tharp Plumbing
Rob Boyer, InTec

BCN 4720 - Construction, Planning & Control

Anastasia Diavolitsis, Winter Construction
Wyatt Woolverton, Winter Construction

BCN 4723 - Design-Build Delivery Methods

Stacey Barton, Haskell

BCN 4753 - Construction Finance

Roger Swanger, James Moore

BCN 4787C - Construction Capstone Project

Dave Schmit, Schmit + Associates
Miles Albertson, UF Planning, Design & Construction
Tim Becker, UF Bergstrom Center for Real Estate
Rick Smailes, Rinker Faculty

BCN 4880 / 5885 Methods & Management for Heavy Highway Construction

Jeff Nelson, Nelson Construction
Ayesah Bahgvat, Zurich Surety

BCN 5470 - Construction Methods Improvement

Matt Webster, CPPI
Adam Boudreaux, UF IFAS Facilities Planning & Operation

BCN 5789 - Construction Project Delivery

Matt Thompson, Stiles Construction
Kris Lengienza, Stiles Construction

BCN 6036 - Research Methods in Construction

Anne Lindell, UF Libraries
Anna Pardo, UF Graduate College
Ivana Simic, UF IRB Office

BCN 6584 - Building Information Modeling

Dustin Scephany, UF Planning, Designing & Construction

BCN 6641 - Value Engineering

James Marini, Ajax Building Corporation
Brian Kappel, Stellar

BCN 6748 - Construction Law

Rob Lash, Moody, Slazman & Lash P.A.

BCN 6905 - Pre-Construction Services

James Marini, Ajax Building Corporation
Chris Kreifels, Skanska
Glenn Mullins, CPPI
Matt Webster, CPPI
Rob Maphis, Collage Companies



Kris Lengienza



Brian Kappel (BCN 1998)



Tristan Johannessen (BCN 1992)



Matt Vanture (BCN 201) (l-r), Dr. Masoud Gheisari & Ryan Tempone (BCN 2008)



Matt Johnson (BCN 2015) (l-r), Dr. Abdol Chini & Chris Kreifels

Sponsorships

The Rinker School has a limited budget, and there are many activities and items for which we could certainly use your financial assistance. In return for your underwriting of these activities/items, we would provide appropriate publicity regarding your support.

For example, in the case of events, we would be pleased to have a company representative attend the event and say a few words on behalf of your firm. For the Newsletter, we would include prominent credit on the back page of the Newsletter.

AVAILABLE SPONSORSHIPS

Fall 2017	NAHB Competition Team	\$7,500
Spring 2018	Graduation Dinner	\$6,500
Spring 2018	BCN Newsletter	\$8,000
Fall 2018	Graduation Dinner	\$6,500
Fall 2019	Welcome Reception	\$4,500
Fall 2019	Homecoming BBQ	\$5,000

If you need additional information or would like to sponsor an upcoming event or activity, please contact Dr. Robert Ries (rries@ufl.edu).

UPCOMING SPONSORSHIPS

Welcome Reception

Spring 2017 - Holder Construction
 Fall 2017 - Kaufman Lynn
 Spring 2018 - Brasfield & Gorrie
 Fall 2018 - DeAngelis Diamond
 Spring 2019 - DeAngelis Diamond

Graduation Dinner

Fall 2016 - Haskell
 Spring 2017 - Balfour Beatty Construction
 Fall 2017 - Brandon Construction

Homecoming BBQ

Fall 2017 - Clark Construction
 Fall 2018 - Current Builders

Newsletter

Fall/Spring 2016 - Balfour Beatty and PCL Construction
 Spring 2017 - Balfour Beatty and PCL Construction
 Fall 2017 - Diligent Services, Inc.

Residential Competition Team

Spring 2017 - WCI Communities

LEED Competition Team

Spring 2017 - Current Builders

BIM Competition Team

Fall 2016 - DPR Construction

ABC CM Competition Team

Fall 2016 - Hedrick Brothers

ASC Commercial

Fall 2016 - Balfour Beatty Construction

DBIA Competition Team

Fall 2016 - Stellar Construction

Design Build Competition Team

Fall 2016 - Haskell

Heavy Construction Competition Team

Fall 2016 - Nelson Construction

Previous Sponsors

Special thanks to our past event sponsors.

Homecoming BBQ

2014 - Clark Construction
 2015 - Hedrick Brothers Construction
 2016 - Current Builders

Graduation Dinner

Spring 2014 - Springer-Peterson
 Spring 2015 - Balfour Beatty Construction
 Fall 2015 - Baker Concrete

Welcome Reception

Spring 2014 - The Weitz Company
 Fall 2014 - Holder Construction
 Spring 2015 - J. Raymond Construction
 Fall 2015 - Kaufman Lynn Construction
 Spring 2016 - Juneau Construction
 Fall 2016 - D.E. Scorpio

BCN Newsletter

Spring 2014 - Balfour Beatty Construction, CEMEX
 Fall 2014 - Balfour Beatty Construction, CEMEX
 Spring 2015 - Balfour Beatty Construction, CEMEX
 Fall 2015 - Balfour Beatty Construction, Coastal Construction

BIM Competition Team

Spring 2015-current DPR Construction
 Spring 2010-2014 - Turner Construction

ASC Commercial Team

(1998 - present) Balfour Beatty

Design-Build Team (ASC)

(2002-present) Haskell Company

Design-Build Team (DBIA)

Fall 2014 Stellar

Heavy Construction Team

(2006-present) Nelson Construction

ABC Competition Team

Spring 2017 Hedrick Brothers

NAHB Competition Team

2016 - Coastal Construction

LEED Competition Team

Spring 2016 - Hedrick Brothers

Roofing Competition Team

Spring 2015 - FRSA Association

Concrete Competition Team

2014-current - Baker Concrete

Fire & Emergency Services (FES) Program



FES Spring 2016 graduates (back row l-r) Lawrence Crary, George Campa, Larry Stewart, and Jaeme Evans (front row l-r) Heather Crary, Brian Espinoza, Robert Coster, Jason Dairympe, and Antonia Gary.

FES Summer 2016 graduates:

Pictured on right: The first FES Master's Graduates - (l-r) Lawrence Crary, Heather Crary, Lorie Drewke (FES Advisor) and Antonia Gary



Pictured below on left: Jacob Faul

Pictured below on right: Adam Smith, John Hustoles, and Daniel Dibiasie



Not pictured: Tom Thomas and Brian Espinoza

FES Facebook Page

Keeping up with social media, UF Fire and Emergency Sciences has a Facebook page where we not only post information about our program but about the fire industry itself. We provide news articles, tributes, student and instructor achievements, tradeshow and conference updates, as well as news from the great Gator nation. UF Fire and Emergency Sciences isn't just a program, we are your extended family. Go Gators!

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FES Advisory Council Meeting

The FES Advisory Council met on October 27 at Rinker Hall. We are proud that our Council is composed of such experienced FES members! Member attendees included Alumnus Bruce Delk, Chief of Training at Hillsborough County F/R; Alumnus Mark Womack, Regional Aviation Manager of MedTrans Corp.; Louis Kalivoda, former Academic Program Adviser at Santa Fe; JoAnne Rice (chairperson), Deputy Chief at Gainesville F/R; Alumnus Krista Ott, Risk Reduction Specialist at Gainesville F/R; Rand Napoli, former Florida State Fire Marshall, who has served nine years as a consultant in Emergency Management and Disaster Response fields; and Angel Nater, Professor and Paramedic Program Manager at Seminole State College of FL. FES Adjunct Faculty who also attended the meeting included Barry Baker, former Chief/Superintendent for the Bureau of Firefighter Standards and Training; Jaime Greene (see "New Faculty"); and Jeffrey Lindsey, Ph.D., FES Coordinator at UF.

Points of discussion included FES marketing and recruiting activities, an update of the BS FES and MS FES programs, a review of the FES Strategic Plan, and a look at SACS 2015-16 results. Our next FESAC meeting will be on April 20, 2017.

FES Staff

Lorie Drewke

Lorie Drewke joined the Rinker School in 2010 and is currently the Academic Advisor for Rinker's online undergraduate Fire & Emergency Services Program. She has a great appreciation and respect for the firefighters, paramedics, and emergency personnel whom she serves.

Lorie has a bachelor's degree in geology from the University of Pennsylvania, evidenced by the bumper sticker on her car that reads "Go Climb a Rock"! Her daughter will be graduating this year from the University of Central Florida with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Animation, with the dream of working in movie production.

Cynthia Miller

As a psychology student, Cynthia Miller was working in the advising department for St. Petersburg College when she fell in love



FES Staff (l-r) Cynthia Miller, Samuela Ewalt and Lorie Drewke

with counseling. It is her love of assisting students unveil their talents and reach their potential that led to her current position of Graduate Advisor and Admissions Officer for both the Fire and Emergency Sciences program and the International Construction Management program here at the University of Florida.

Samuela Ewalt

Sammy has OPS status at UF and has worked part-time as a program assistant for Rinker's Fire and Emergency Services program since 2013. She helps with registration; sends out admission and graduation letters; coordinates the honors program, FESHE certification, and FES's bi-annual Advisory Council meetings; and takes on special projects as needed.

Sammy moved with her husband from Burlington, VT to Gainesville in 2012. She holds a doctorate in English and teaches English as a Second Language to residents of Peaceful Paths.

Fire & Emergency Services (FES) Program

FES Program Update

Dr. Lindsey's goal for UF's FES program is that it become a recognized undergraduate, graduate, and research program in fire, emergency medical services, and emergency management nationally and internationally. Along with a bachelor's degree in FES, to which we have added 38 new courses, we now offer four undergraduate certificates, including Fire & Emergency Services Management and Emergency Medical Services Management, as well as the newest Emergency Management and Senior Fire Officer certificates. We offer a Master of Science in Fire and Emergency Sciences, as well as a graduate certificate in Emergency Services / Disaster Management. We hope to partner with the Florida State Fire College to conduct research in the industry in the near future.

New Faculty

Jaime Greene, MS – Mr. Greene became a certified EMT with the state of New York in 1976, before moving to Kentucky in 1980 to become the safety officer of the City of Wilmore, KY FD and captain of the Jessamine County Rescue Squad. In 1986 he became an EMS supervisor for Jessamine County EMS, and in 1990 became the EMS training officer for Woodford County EMS, rising to the rank of training coordinator for the City of Versailles Fire Department. Mr. Greene also served as a fire/rescue instructor for the State of Kentucky Fire/Rescue Training Program. Moving to West Palm Beach FL In 1997, he became the founding vice president of the FL Association of EMS Educators (FAEMSE), and in 1999 served as the Fire/EMS Program Director at Palm Beach CC. That same year, Mr. Greene served as assistant state EMS training coordinator for the FL Bureau of EMS. In 2000 Mr. Greene accepted a sales consultant position with Henry Schein EMS and has been with them since that time. In 2016 he was awarded the Ralph Marrison Lifetime EMS Achievement award from the Broward County, FL Regional EMS Advisory Council, as well as the Robert Pakish, Sr. Lifetime Achievement award by the town of Caughdenoy, NY.



Cheryl Horvath, MS – Chief Horvath has been serving as the fire chief at Mountain Vista Fire District in Tucson, AZ since January 2016. She has been in the fire service since 1992, working as a full-time firefighter in Illinois where she served as union president for four years and as a field instructor for the Illinois Fire Service Institute. Chief Horvath is the past President of the board of

Trustees for the International Association of Women in FES and a frequent speaker at the conference in leadership and fire ground tactics. For the past eight summers, she worked with other local women firefighters and police officers to coordinate a public safety camp for high school girls in Tucson, AZ. Chief Horvath serves as Chair on the Board of Directors for the Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona and as director on the Board of Directors for the January 8th Memorial Foundation. She was the recipient of the 2010 YWCA on the Move Award, for her service to the greater Tucson community.

FES Alumni Update:

Dale Deleacaes, FES 2015 - As a proud 2015 UF Fire and Emergency Services Graduate, much has taken place in his personal career, which he attributes to his educational background leadership at Florida. Recently, he was honored as the first Craig Haun Memorial Scholarship Award winner. Craig Haun was a Fire Chief that succumbed to cancer a short time ago. Chief Haun's legacy was his leadership through educational development. He owes his current position as a Division Chief for the Temple Terrace Fire Department to his education in leadership at UF. Every aspect of the leadership and administrative role within the fire service was provided through the top quality instruction and critique obtained in the Rinker School and its extremely knowledgeable professors and staff associated with the Fire Science program. Dale stated "I owe my current career to all of you and I appreciate all of the support required for achieve such an endeavor as degree from the University of Florida. Thank you for this amazing opportunity and GO GATORS!"



Mark Jones stands with his family after he graduated Summer 2015 from the FES program.



FES Fall 2015 graduates (l-r) Nathan Quartier, Blake Humphrey, Nicholas Stein, John Hill, and Christopher Plonner

UF Now a Course-Provider for Fire Officer III and Fire Officer IV

FES has coordinated with the Florida State Fire College for students who take selected FES online courses at UF to receive coursework credit toward their Fire Officer III, Fire Officer IV and Fire Code Administrator certifications at the Fire College. So, while working on their bachelor's FES students can be completing coursework toward their Fire College certifications, as well. We are currently uploading courses 3004, 3533, 3780, 4003, 4023, 4045, 4585, and a Capstone Project (honors paper), going back to spring 2014, to the FC system to make this possible.



Antonia Gary (center), a recent FES Master's graduate, with fellow Honor Guard colleagues at the Public Safety Valor Awards Breakfast in Brandon, FL, on September 7th.

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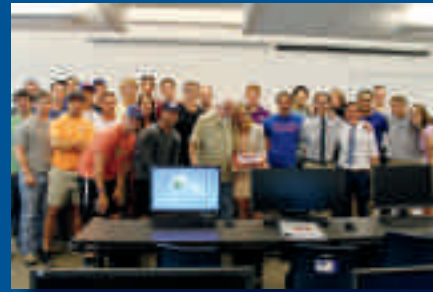
Happy retirement....



Dr. Rick Smailes, Senior Lecturer retired from the Rinker School in May. Dr. Smailes began teaching at Rinker in 1997 and taught scheduling, capstone, and history of construction courses. He brought real world experience that the students enjoyed learning from. Dr. Smailes and his wife, Becki, have moved to Crystal River, FL where they will be enjoying their time on the river. We will miss you! Enjoy your retirement!



Dr. Doug Lucas, Lecturer retired from the Rinker School in May. Dr. Lucas began teaching at Rinker in 2004 and taught design build, project management, and construction professionalism and ethics courses. Dr. Lucas and his wife, Betty, live in Archer, FL. We will miss you! Enjoy your retirement!



Dr. Sherry Ahrentzen received a \$250,000 grant from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation on "Shaping Healthier Housing for Low-Income and Vulnerable Populations." The Policies for Action program (P4A) funds research identifying policies, laws, and other regulatory tools in the public and private sectors that can support RWJF's mission to build a Culture of Health. Research is conducted at institutions across the United States.

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Dr. Ravi Srinivasan conducted a three day training on EnergyPlus, building simulation engine (attended by researchers from CSIR, government officials, engineers and architects). He made two presentations at the Smart Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Technology Meeting organized by the South African Energy Development Institute on June 20, Pretoria, S. Africa. and a presentation to the

Technical Committee (building codes), at the South African Board of Standards on June 22, Pretoria, S. Africa.



Dr. Srinivasan gave a presentation in South Africa.

Dr. Damon Allen wrote a paper on 3D Printing for the Florida Home Builder publication called "3D Printing Stands Firm, Building Trend Advances"



Changes in the BCN Family....

Dr. Abdol Chini will become Interim Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education and Facilities effective November 18. He will be responsible for all aspects of undergraduate education, accreditation, advising and facilities (including IT).



Dr. Andrew Wehle will be returning to the faculty as a Lecturer in the Rinker School of Construction Management.



Sara Ann Green who joined us in 2009 has accepted a new role at Rinker as Event Planner. She will be handling all events as it relates to students, alumni and faculty.



Kim Stanley's role at Rinker is changing. She will continue with career placement and working with alumni but will be actively engaging alumni with the Rinker School as well as recruiting new students into the program.



Faculty & Staff News

Welcome to the BCN Family....



Lyndsey Diehlman is a native of Alachua County and has lived in Gainesville all of her life. After graduating from Buchholz High School, she earned an associate of science degree from Santa Fe College before transferring to the University of Central Florida to study event management at the Rosen College of Hospitality and Event Management. She is slated to graduate from that program with a bachelor's degree in event management in May, 2017.

Lyndsey's internships have provided her with opportunities to work at Gainesville Regional Utilities, Texas Roadhouse and most recently at the University of Florida at BCN. This last internship resulted in full time employment with UF where she enjoys working with students, staff and alumni, and assisting with special events.



David Nuñez is a native of Atlanta, Georgia and lived there until moving to Gainesville for school. He attended the University of Florida earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation, Parks, & Tourism. He relocated to Orlando and worked in the recreation field for 3 years. In 2007, he returned to Gainesville to take a position as a Program Assistant in the College of Health and Human Performance for the 21st Century Community Learning

Centers grant project. After 5 years on the grant project, he spent 3 years in UF's College of Education as an Events Coordinator for the Lastinger Center for Learning. From there he worked for the College of Medicine in the Department of Neurosurgery as a Grants Specialist. Most recently, he worked as a Fiscal Assistant in the College of Pharmacy's Shared Services Center. David now serves as the Administrative Specialist II where he will manage the Rinker School of Construction Management front office.

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Dr. Mark Russell, Lecturer, comes to us from the University of New Mexico where he had served as the AGC Endowed Chair for the Construction Management program. Prior to that, he was completing his PhD here at the Rinker School of Building Construction with his research focusing on building rating systems and life cycle assessments. Before starting his academic career, Dr. Russell served with the US Navy's Civil Engineer Corps and later with URS Germany in which he obtained a combined 15 years of construction experience. Dr. Russell is a Professional Engineer and Certified General Contractor in Florida. He has a Bachelors in Electrical Engineering from UCF, a Master's in Business Administration from New Hampshire College, and a Master's in Civil & Environmental Engineering from Old Dominion University. Dr. Russell holds several certifications for conducting facility accreditation and continues to be involved in building assessments.



Dr. Aaron Costin is a researcher and educator in the field of information modeling and technology for engineering and construction. His current research investigates the fundamental issues and needs of software and technology interoperability, and is currently developing a methodology that would enable the interoperability of multi-disciplinary information models. Other research interests include Building Information Modeling (BIM), design computing, ontologies, construction safety and productivity, emerging technologies, and facilities management. Dr. Costin earned a B.S. (2011), M.S. (2013), and Ph.D. (2016) in Civil Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology.



Dr. Rui Liu is a researcher and educator dedicated to advancing the construction industry through the implementation of advanced technology. Specifically, her research involves construction information system improvement, systems integration through project life cycle, and business process reengineering for complex projects and organizations. Dr. Liu's research areas of interest also include Building Information Modeling (BIM) and the use of cloud-based technology in facility management. Her research focus has earned her wide recognition and funding, including a recent project from Fiatech in which she completed analysis on Building Information Modeling for facility management. Dr. Liu holds a B.M. in Construction Management (2005) and a B.S. in Mathematics and Applied Mathematics (2005) from Tianjin University, and a M.M. in Project Management (2007) from Tianjin University. She holds a M.S. in Information System and Operations Management (2010) and a Ph.D. in Design, Construction, and Planning (2012) from the University of Florida. Before joining the faculty at BCN, she worked as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Construction Science for the University of Texas at San Antonio for four years. She is a CM-BIM professional and LEED AP BD+C.



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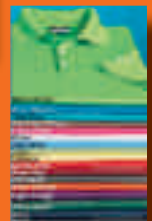
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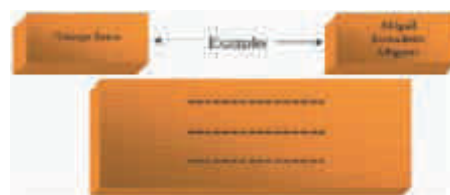
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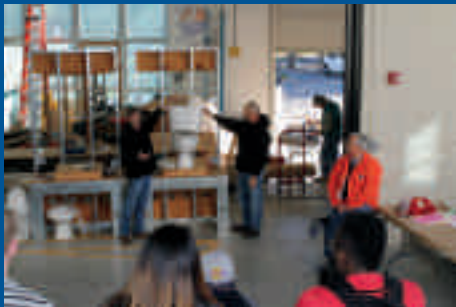
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The Charles R. Perry Construction yard continues to be a great asset for the Rinker School. Faculty for all courses are encouraged to incorporate hands-based skills activities to all courses. Please contact Dr. Sullivan if your company is interested in developing course enhancements. Students continue to work with small hand

tools and plan reading. Bryan Light, Doug Sutter, and Painter Masonry support the school with brick, block and roofing labs, and Dr. Oppenheim continues his hands on piping and HVAC/Mechanical installation labs among other labs that continue throughout each semester.



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