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## A Message From ... .

#### Dr. Christopher Silver, Dean



2010 is finally here!! While there is nothing magical or ominous (like 2012, for example) about 2010, it does mean we made it through 2009 and we're still here. The challenges that confront both academia and the professions represented by our college were formidable last year, and many remain. But there are positives, many of which build directly upon some of the quiet successes of 2009.

For the Rinker School, Fall 2009 involved the site visit of the faculty/

professional accreditation team for the bachelor's program. The preliminary assessment of the team not only pointed to the many accomplishments since the last visit, but also suggested we set the high bar of excellence in construction management education that others strive to achieve. In every respect, according to their judgment, we continue to offer a superior education in the Rinker School, and that is owed to the great partnership between the faculty, students, alums and friends.

Another building block for the New Year is the UF Solar Decathlon Europe entry. With design and development work undertaken in 2009 by a faculty and student team drawn from throughout the College, including a major role played by Rinker faculty, we are positioned to build and test our solar house in time for the June competition in Madrid. The Solar Decathlon project has grown beyond merely a College effort, however, with plans in place to display our winning entry in the UF Cultural Plaza after the competition. The intent is to help advance public understanding of the value of solar power and quality design.

Rinker faculty also contributed to designing another innovative program, a web-based sustainable design master's program to be offered at a facility in Singapore starting in May 2010. Here again, this is a collaborative effort drawing upon faculty throughout the College, and through this one-of-a-kind offering, affirming our leadership in the growing field of sustainability.

Finally, in 2010 the UF campus will be shifting to a new budgeting system, known as Responsibility Centered Management, which will give us full responsibility for the revenues generated by our offerings, as well as covering the costs associated with our programs. Since the programs and courses in our College are sought after but currently are not accessible to students outside the College, finding opportunities to engage students from across the campus will reward us in ways not possible under the current system.

So farewell to 2009, but also thanks to those of you who helped us so generously to make it through the challenges of the past year. We are certainly going to work to make 2010 another great year.

#### Dr. Abdol Chini, Director



I welcome new juniors and graduate students to the Rinker School and encourage them to get involved, not only in their various courses, but also with the student clubs, competition teams, and international exchange programs. Congratulations to the BCN class of fall 2009. I wish them good luck on their next adventure! To other alumni, I hope wherever you are, you do well and think about us now and then. Check out the alumni news inside and please send us up-

dates about yourselves as well.

It has been a difficult year for the construction industry. A weak economy and continued difficulties with construction financing have slowed investment in construction. This has reduced the job placement rate for BCN graduates and declined the number of applications for BCN undergraduate program. On the other hand, individuals who lose their jobs, or fear low prospects for employment in declining economies, see an advanced degree as a means to better employment prospects. As a result, the enrollment in our master and PhD degree programs is increasing and in fall 2009 we had 120 Master's and 30 PhD students.

We are in the process of adding two new faculty to start in fall 2010: The William G. Lassiter and Aneice R. Lassiter Professorship in Building Construction, and a professor with expertise in low and net zero energy building construction and alternative/renewable energy systems. This represents not only an opportunity to add two more faculty and offer additional electives and new courses, but also will enhance the School's internationally recognized sustainable construction program.

Dr. Bob Stroh, Director of Shimberg Center for Housing Studies, retired in December 2009 after 20 years of meritorious service to the School. We will miss his vast contributions, but wish him the best retirement. A search is underway for his replacement.

Our faculty and students are at the forefront of important achievements in construction education and research, and are broadly recognized for their truly outstanding contributions. For example, the UF solar decathlon was selected to become one of two U.S. teams competing in Solar Decathlon Europe in Madrid, Spain in June 2010, and the Rinker School Management and Design-Build teams ranked 1st in the ASC/AGC regional competition. Congratulations to the team members and their faculty coaches, Robert Ries, Jim Sullivan, Mike Cook, and Doug Lucas.

The quality of our students is manifest in the quality of alumni who are successfully contributing to their professions. We are proud of our alumni and appreciate their loyalty and generous support of the BCN program. Please stay in touch and let us benefit from your suggestions.

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#### **CORRECTION:**

On page 11 of the Fall 2009 edition of the Orange & Blueprints (Volume 73, Issue 2), the title of Ajax Constructors should have read "Ajax Building Corporation."

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## **BCN Advisory Council Executive Committee -**

The BCN Advisory Council Executive Committee (ExCOM) held its bi-annual meeting on October 16, 2009 at Rinker Hall. There were representatives from the Solar Decathalon team who gave a status report on their efforts. The Committee discussed current efforts towards fundraising for the Endowed Professorship for Construction Services. Other topics of discussion included the results of the Industry Survey as well as recommendations from the industry focus group on management courses. The BCN regional club representatives gave an update on their local club activities.

Present for the October 16th meeting were Bob Angle, John Bennett, Lynne Capece, Abdol Chini, Curtis Culver, Rick Derrer, Tim Good, John Gooding, Dale Hedrick, Raymond Issa, Sid Jordan, Harley Miller, Bill Morthland, Jeff Nelson, Paul Oppenheim, Steve Palmer, Charles Reid, Domenic Scorpio, Erik Sharpe, John Sofarelli, Ray Southern, Robert Springer, Kim Stanley, David Stayshich, Karl Watson Jr., Don Whyte and Wayne Wadsworth (via telephone).

Charles Reid will serve as the new Chair of the Executive Committee with John Sofarelli serving as the new Vice-Chair. Ray Southern has been selected to serve as Chair of the Industry Relations subcommittee



ExCOM members Tim Good (right side of table beginning right to left), Eric Sharpe, Domenic Scorpio, David Stayschich, Harley Miller, Don Whyte, Robert Springer, Bill Morthland, John Bennett, Karl Watson Jr., Steve Palmer, John Sofarelli, Chip Reid, Sid Jordan, Abdol Chini, Raymond Southern, John Gooding, Dale Hedrick, and Curits Culver at the Advisory Council Executive Committee meeting at Rinker Hall.

The Rinker School would like to express our deepest appreciation to Sid Jordan who has served as the ExCOM Chair for the past two years. Sid has dedicated countless hours to the leadship of this committee.



Award presented to Sid Jordan (L-R) Chip Reid, Sid Jordan, Abdol Chini

We also welcome the newest member of the EXCOM, Pete Pace. Pete is the Vice-President/CEO of the Florida Division of Clancy & Theys Construction Company. He was voted on during the October 16th meeting.



Pete Pace

EXCOM members expressed their deepest appreciation to newly elected Ex-COM emeritus member Don Whyte for his dedication and support of the Rinker School throughout his years of service as an ExCOM member.



Award presented to Don Whyte (L-R) Chip Reid, Sid Jordan, Don Whyte, Abdol Chini

## Meet Paul Hardaker, BCN Advisory Council Executive Committee Member

Paul Hardaker is the Florida Region Manager for Gerdau Ameristeel. As Region Manager he is responsible for five production facilities and a Technical Resource Facility in Florida and Georgia. He graduated from the University of Florida School of Building Construction in 1971 and was a member of Sigma Lambda Chi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. After a term in the US Army Corps of Engineers, he joined the Auchter Company out of Jacksonville, Florida, where he was a Project Engineer and Project Manager until joining Florida Steel Corporation in 1977. Florida Steel like Ameristeel are the predecessors of Gerdau Ameristeel.

Being a part of the construction industry is a family affair, Paul's father graduated as a Civil Engineer from the University of Florida and his son Andrew graduated from BCN and is now a Project Manager with Elkins Constructors.

During his 32-year career, Paul has participated in all parts of Gerdau Ameristeel's efforts to serve the construction industry. Thousands of jobs in every type of construction have made for a rich experience highlighted by the many relationships forged with contractors throughout the country.



Paul Hardaker

Paul makes his home in Jacksonville, Florida with his wife of 38 years enjoying being grandparents to the soon-to-be five grandchildren from their two sons' families. Being a family of Gators, they continue to enjoy all things Orange and Blue.

#### In Memory of David Ahern - BCN 1975



David Michael "Dave" Ahern, 55, died May 27, 2009 in Sunrise Medical Center, Las Vegas, NV, from injuries sustained in an accidental fall.

Dave graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in building construction, but soon found that his true calling in life was as a firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician.

Dave lived in Clarkdale, NV since 1980. He joined Clarkdale Fire Department

in 1980 as a volunteer and served as volunteer Fire Chief from 1984-1987. As Chief he initiated EMS services for Clarkdale. In 1987 he was hired by Cottonwood Fire Department as a career firefighter. However, he continued to volunteer with Clarkdale Fire until 1994 when he was hired by Sedona Fire District. He was also a Hazardous Materials Technician.

Dave retired in 2007 as a Fire Captain/Paramedic. Due to his strong desire to continue serving his community, Dave ran for and was elected to the Clarkdale Fire District Board of Directors in November 2008.

A lifelong outdoorsman and hunter, Dave supported conservation and education programs designed to enhance wilderness

experiences for all ages. Beloved son and brother, loyal friend and devoted husband, Dave is survived by his wife Sara, brothers Frank and Larry, and sister Cara.



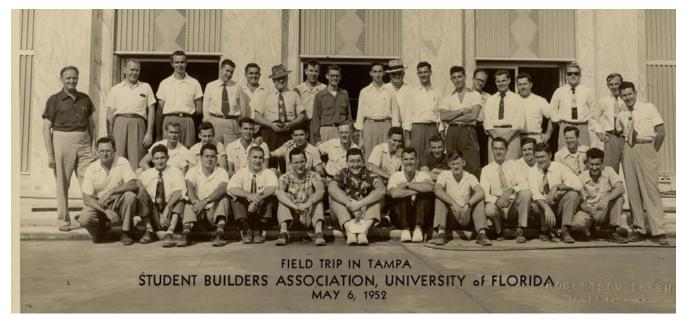
#### In Memory of Carl Graves - BCN 1983

Carl Leighton Graves who graduated from the University of Florida with a building construction degree passed away on March 30, 2009. During his years in the engineering industry he worked for Alpine, a division of ITW Building Components Group, Inc. He later became a successful entrepreneur in the Atlanta restaurant market. He was a devoted husband and father. Family and friends speak of Carl with love and respect for his kind spirit and dedication to his family.



A testament to his effect on those around him was unmistakable by the hundreds of people who attended his memorial service in Duluth, Georgia. He is truly missed and will never be forgotten. Carl is survived by his wife, Natalie Graves, his children Jack, Chase and Chelsea, and his two stepchildren Taylor and Nicole.

"Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart."
...Eleanor Roosevelt



This is a field trip photo taken in 1952. Does anyone remember this field trip or have a memory that they would like to email us for the next publication?

## Construction Hall of Fame Inductees —

The M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Building Construction established the Construction Hall of Fame 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 disilayed on the "Hall of Fame Wall' of the School. We are honored to announce that Stephen R. Palmer and G.W. Robinson have been inducted into the Rinker School's Construction Hall of Fame for 2009.

On Saturday, October 17, 2009, the Rinker School of Building Construction inducted Steve Palmer (BCN 1980) into the Construction Hall of Fame in conjunction with Homecoming activities. Steve Palmer graduated from the University of Florida in 1979 with a degree in Building Construction. He joined Stiles Corporation upon graduation, where he worked as Estimator and Project Manager. In 1981 he became Vice President of Stiles Construction and was named President in 1982. He became Chief Operating Officer of Stiles Corporation in 1994, where he has managed the corporate growth of revenue from roughly \$4 million to more than \$360 million during his tenure. As Chief Operating Officer, he is responsible for leadership and organizational and strategic planning for this major South Florida based full-service real estate development and construction firm, directly overseeing multiple operating divisions, including development, construction, architecture, realty and property management.

Steve has received numerous awards for his contribution to our industry and the communities that Stiles serves, such as "Up & Comers" from Price Waterhouse LLP and the South Florida Business Journal, "Crystal Butterfly" from Kids in Distress, "Citizen of the Year" from the Building and Office Managers Association, "Spirit of Broward" from the Broward Economic Development Council and "Distinguished Alumnus" from the M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of

Building Construction at the University of Florida.

Steve has demonstrated his support of the Rinker School by providing financial assistance for the construction of Rinker Hall, participating in the BCN Advisory Council Executive Committee for more than seven years, serving on the search committee for the new Dean of the College of Design, Construction and Planning, serving as Chairman of the BCN Club for South Florida, and leading the way to achieving Stiles Corporation's \$130,000 contribution to the University of Florida.



Steve Palmer stands in front of the Hall of Fame Wall with his wife, Linda, and son Cameron.

On Thursday, October 22, 2009, the Rinker School of Building Construction inducted **G.W. Robinson** into the Construction Hall of Fame at meeting for the Builders Association of North Central Florida (BANCF).

A Gainesville-native, G.W. Robinson is one of Alachua County's most respected homebuilders. He began his career in 1955 as the owner of an independent grocery store. In 1967, his aspirations and dreams of being a homebuilder came to fruition when he built his first home. From that modest beginning, his construction projects have grown considerably. Among the communities, his company has designed and built are: Gainesville Country Club West; Chateau Forest; Green Briar; Summit Oaks; Sterling Place; Robin Lane; Heatherwood; Cobblefield, a green home community of 275 homes; and Mile Run with 544 homes. G.W. Robinson Homes is currently building high-performance homes in two new communities: Turnberry Lake and Garison Way.

G.W. is the owner and Chief Operating Officer of G.W. Robinson Homes, his family-operated business currently run by his daughter, Gay Robinson. He is a member of the Builders Association of North Central Florida, the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Council for Economic Outreach. He is a member of the board of directors of Mercantile Bank and has been recognized as a pioneer in the construction of high-performance, energy-efficient homes by the U.S. Department of Energy.

G.W. has been a generous supporter of UF where he has committed over \$750,000; of which \$500,000 created an endowment to support graduate study fellowships at the Rinker School.



G.W. stands with his wife Kate at the BANCF meeting after his induction.

## **Alumni in Higher Education**

Dr. Huanqing (Happy) Lu received his Ph.D. in Design, Construction and Planning from the M.E. Rinker, Sr., School of Building Construction, and a Master's degree in Computer Science and Engineering, concurrently in 2002. He is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Construction Management at the East Carolina University. The courses he has developed and taught are AutoCAD drafting, construction estimating, construction scheduling, soils and foundations, information technology in construction and construction capstone (senior design). Dr. Lu currently serves in the capacity of Assistant Chair to work collaboratively with the Interim Chair, to lead the department in an innovative way. He is the faculty advisor of Sigma Lambda Chi Iota II, the construction student honor society. In 2008, Dr. Lu successfully organized the first summer study abroad

program in the Department of Construction Management.



Huanging Lu

Dr. Lu publishes research articles regularly on peerreviewed journals and conferences on subjects including information technology in construction, globalization, project information model, wireless construction, construction contract and project delivery, and construction education. Recently he collaborated with the Construction Industry Institute (CII) on a web seminar series on project delivery and contract strategies.

Dr. Lu has a background in Civil Engineering and Structural Design. He served on several professional positions before started his Ph.D. study in the University of Florida.

He also received a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and a Master's degree in Construction Project Management from Tianjin University, China.

## **Alumni In the News**

### Curtis Culver, BCN 1959, receives Lifetime Achievement Award



Curtis Culver

Associated Builders & Contractors Florida Gulf Coast Chapter celebrated its 40th Anniversary on September 10th at the Tampa Westshore Marriott. This historic meeting included appearances from chapter past presidents, chairmen, national ABC leaders, as well as current Chapter leadership. It was a great opportunity to trace the steps of the chapter from its inception in 1969 to now.

The chapter presented its first-ever Lifetime Achievement Award to one of the chapter's founding fathers, Curtis Culver. "Over the past 40 years there is only one person who has been involved with the chapter from its inception to the present," said Steve Cona Jr. (ABC

Chapter President/CEO). "He is an ABC icon; he has had an unbroken commitment in building this chapter and promoting ABC's philosophy of Free Enterprise for Merit Shop Contractors." Curtis Culver is a 1959 graduate of the University Of Florida's School of Building Construction. He was instrumental in helping raise funds for the new Rinker Hall classroom and administrative building. Curtis is a founding member of the BCN Advisory Board and has served as a member on its executive committee.

Additionally, he was inducted into the School's Construction Hall of Fame in 1997. Curtis is a senior project manager and business development consultant with ABC Member Firm, Pro-Crete Systems, Inc. of Pinellas Park with offices in Jacksonville, Orlando and Fort Lauderdale.

The Rinker School would like to congratulate Curtis Culver on all of his amazing career accomplishments.

## Vincent Moreschi, BCN 2006, named 2009 Builder of the Year



Vincent Moreschi

At the 54th banquet of the Builders Assocation of North Central Florida, BCN Alum Vinnie Moreschi, was named the "2009 Builder of the Year". Vinnie is a Senior Project Manager for Charles Perry Construction and has worked on projects throughout North Florida such as North Florida Regional Medical Center and the Queen of Peace Catholic Church.

Vinnie obtained his bachelor's degree from Virginia Tech and his master's degree at BCN in 2006. He began his career by building prisons in Virginia and came to work at Charles Perry because they received a contract to build a federal women's prison in 1996.

Vinnie stated that he is both honored and humbled by this recogni-

Congratulations Vinnie!

## Generations of BCN -

There have been many father & son, father & daughter, etc., generations that have graduated from the Rinker School of Building Construction. Some have provided photos and an article of their experience. If you were not included this time and would like to submit an article for next time, please contact Kim Stanley at kimms@ufl.edu.

#### The Huggins

Gary Huggins graduated 1976 and is Executive Vice President and one of the Owners of NDC Construction Company based in Bradenton, FL. NDC delivers commercial projects valued at 2-25 million dollars. He returns to Rinker Hall every semester as "Guest Lecturer" for Dr. Brown to discuss the topic of "Document Control" and the tools that are needed to manage construction projects on a day-to-day basis.

Kyle Huggins, son to Gary, graduated in 2008 and is a Project Engineer with NDC Construction Company. Kyle is currently working on a Community Center project.

Some really neat parallels are....Dr. Brisbane Brown taught Gary CPM in 1976 and in 2008 Dr. Brown taught Kyle Construction Profession and Ethics. Dr. Brown was the SLX Faculty Advisor initiated with Gary's SLX pledge class in 1975. Kyle was also in SLX. Gary graduated in August of 1976 with Rick Smailes. Dr. Rick Smailes was Kyle's professor for the Construction Project Simulation Capstone class in 2008.



(L-R) Kyle Huggins and his father Gary Huggins.

#### The Rehfelts

Roger Rehfelt graduated in 1978. He went to work for Coastal Caisson Drill Company out of Clearwater, FL. In September 1986, 8 years after he started, he was propositioned to share a 50% ownership in a business and started a Drilled Shaft Foundation (caisson) construction company mainly installing foundations for communication towers and power companies. Now 23 years later, Roger is trying to purchase the other 50% of the company. He states that his dream is for his son, Ray to graduate and take over for him and carry on the business. Ray Rehfelt is currently a BCN student and is scheduled to graduate in 2011.

Roger stated that "your graduates should realize that if they get a good education and work hard, they will do well. I believe that the Rinker School is excellent and if I had it to do over again I wouldn't change anything."



(L-R) Ray and Roger Rehfelt tailgate before the FL vs FIU game.

#### The Siefkers

Paul E. Siefker graduated from the building construction program in 1955. He joined the Navy, after college and spent some time in the Seabees. After his tour in the Navy he joined the Rockefeller building residential single family developments in Broward County, Florida. After a few years he relocated to Martin County and started Martinique Construction which he owned and operated for 50 years.

His son, Greg Siefker, graduated from the program in 1984 and began his career with the Eckerd Corporation. He is currently the Director of Project Management for CBRE in South Florida.



(L-R) Paul, Megan and Greg Siefker

Greg's daughter, Megan Siefker, is currently enrolled at UF as a sophomore and is pursuing a degree in Building Construction.

Greg states, "We are all very proud to be apart of the rich history of the School of Building Construction."

#### The McIntyres

The McIntyre Family began its relationship with the University of Florida in 1980 when John McIntyre, the oldest son of a second generation Stucco Contractor, enrolled for studies in Gainesville.

Four years later, John's first son Ryan was born in Gainesville, and in the same month, John graduated with honors from UF with a Bachelor of Building Construction degree. Ryan would continue the family tradition when 22 years later he graduated from UF with honors from the University of Florida Rinker School of Building Construction.

Ryan continued to follow in his father's footsteps when in 2006 he joined the Company co-founded by John - McIntyre Elwell & Strammer General Contractors, Inc. (ME&S) based in Sarasota, Florida.

ME&S has been in business 22 years and specializes in constructing all types of Commercial Buildings with the Company's largest market being the Retail Construction Sector. ME&S enjoys decade-old relationships with two of Florida's Best Companies - Publix Super Markets, Inc. (over 500 completed Projects) and Beall's Department Stores, Inc. (over 300 Completed Projects).



(L-R) John and Ryan McIntyre

## Generations of BCN -

#### The Abneys

John W. Abney Sr. is a 1973 graduate of the BCN program. After graduation, John immediately started Abney & Abney Construction in Okeechobee where he spent over 35 years building custom homes and commercial buildings. He also served in a variety of community leadership roles including 12 years on the board of the Okeechobee County Commission with two of those years as the Chairman. John recently moved to Alachua and is a Project Manager with JoyTech Construction.



Kyle Abney (L-R) and John Abney get ready to watch the Gators beat FSU!

John's son, Kyle Abney, is a 1999 graduate of the School of Architecture and in 2001 earned his master's degree from the School of Building Construction. Kyle was the first student to graduate with a Concentration in Sustainable Construction under the guidance of Dr. Kibert and Dr. Chini. After working several years with large commercial contractors and later the family business, Kyle, with his wife Harmony, founded Abney + Abney Green Solutions, a full-service commercial and residential green building consulting firm located in Palm City on Florida's east coast. Kyle is

currently the President of the U.S. Green Building Council's South Florida Chapter and sits on the Board of the Florida Green Building Coalition.

"I'm proud of my father and the path that he forged for me and our family. It and the opportunities my own family have in the future are all due to the foundation that a BCN education provided for us," explains Kyle.



(L-R): Walter and Wayne Wadsworth.

#### The Wadsworths

Walter E. Wadsworth graduated from BCN in 1964. Walter was Vice-President and Principal of Padula & Wadsworth Construction, Inc. and constructed over 2,000,000 sq ft of Broward County, FL Schools. Walter was also in the U.S. Marines and was involved with the Florida East Coast Chapter of the Associated General Contractors as Past President, Treasurer and Education Committee Chairman.

Walter's son, Wayne E. Wadsworth, graduated from BCN in 1989 and is a Senior Vice President with Holder Construction Compa-

ny. Wayne is responsible for the leadership of Holder's Planning & Design Support and Preconstruction Departments. Wayne is a committed alumnus of the Rinker School and has served on the School's Advisory Council Executive Committee since 2002, he has actively recruited on campus for the past 15 years, and was instrumental in creating the new Holder BIM Lab at Rinker Hall. In 2008, Wayne launched the Atlanta UF BCN alumni club.

#### The Wells

In 1977 Bart met his future wife, Becky Sperry. Her father and mother, Don and Jane Sperry, owned a small metal building construction company in Tallahassee. Mr. Sperry sparked Bart's interest in construction and suggested that he pursue a degree in Building Construction. Bart began his undergraduate work and was accepted into



Clayton Wells (L-R) and his father Bart Wells.

the program in 1979, graduating in 1981. Along the way Bart and Becky became engaged, marrying in August of 1981. Bart started as Project Manager for the company and as the company grew, his responsibilities and ownership grew. Today, Sperry and Associates, Inc. provides services to the private sector design/ build market in and around Tallahassee along with providing preengineered metal building and metal roofing services for other contractors. Growing up in a construction family and working summers in the company naturally pointed Clayton to a career in construction. Clayton graduated in 2006 from BCN and in January 2007 Clayton started as a Project Engineer with Hardin Construction Company out of Atlanta, Ga. He was assigned to preconstruction on the Hotel Palomar, a 20-story luxury hotel in downtown Atlanta. During the construction of the hotel, Clayton was promoted to Assistant Project Manager. Upon completion of the Palomar in mid-2009, Clayton was assigned to the Young Harris College Student Recreation Center, which is scheduled to complete in mid-2010. Clayton is engaged to Ms. Amy Pettigrew with a March 2010 wedding planned. This gives rise to the possibility of a third generation of UF BCN graduates!

#### The Andersons

David Anderson (BCN 1981) and daughter Alyce (currently a Senior II and expected to graduate May 2010) may not have both started in Building Construction when they began at the University of Florida, but they both ended up with that major. Whether genes put them there or not, they found their niche in that field of study. Alyce had the privilege of working two Summer Internships with Hardin Construction, the company her father works for out of Austin, Texas. In fact, both can say they interned with the company in college as David has been with the company since his time at the Rinker School as well. Both father and daughter

were born and raised in Florida and have a shared love for the water, but have enjoyed learning about the culture and construction industry out in Texas. In fact, this past Christmas was spent studying for the LEED exam.

Alyce is President of the Building Construction College Council, a member of the Residential Competition Team and is involved with several other Rinker School student clubs.



David and Alyce Anderson

## Generations of BCN -



(L-R) Raymond Southern, Sr., Raymond C. Southern, Jr. (RayC), Garrett Southern and Bill Southern, Sr.

#### The Southerns

The foundation of the Southern family legacy began in 1947 when Bill F. Southern, Sr. began working for Frank J. Rooney, Inc. (FJR). Bill was a key player in making FJR one of Florida's most successful builders. By 1969, he and Jim Tucker became co-owners of this successful and growing company. Jim Sr. had two sons who graduated from BCN, Bill F. Southern Jr. and Raymond C. Southern, Sr.

Bill F. Southern, Jr. graduated with a degree in building construction from UF in 1969 and went to work for United Engineers and Contractors and then moved to South Florida to work under his father for FJR. Today Bill is VP of Operations for James A. Cummings Construction and became President of South Florida Associated General Contractors two years ago.

Raymond C. Southern, Sr. graduated in 1973. He began working for FJR in Miami and became Project Manager in 1975. FJR was sold to Centex in 1981 and by 1985 Raymond became the manager of the Miami division. He was promoted to COO and moved to Ft. Lauderdale in 1996. Raymond was promoted in 2000 to CEO of the Florida Division where he continues to lead the company today. In 2007, Centex Construction was acquired by Balfour Beatty. He became a member of the BCN advisory board EXCOM in 2006 and is the chairman of the Industry Relations Committee. Through his hard work and dedication to the industry, he and Balfour Beatty have received numerous honors and awards including the construction of the first LEED Gold certified building on the UF campus, Rinker Hall. One of his proudest accomplishments was being inducted into the BCN Hall of Fame in 2008 while his son Raymond Southern Jr. was a UF student in BCN.

Garret L. Southern (son to Bill Southern Jr.) graduated in 1996 and worked along side his father at Bill F. Southern, Inc. Garret then went to work for what is now Balfour Beatty Construction. As a Project Manager since 2002, Garret and today continues his success in completing projects for Balfour Beatty. Garret is currently working toward completion of the indoor firing range and public safety facility at Palm Beach College.

Raymond C. Southern, Jr. (RayC) (son to Raymond Southern) is currently a junior at the M. E. Rinker, Sr. School of Building Construction. He has interned with two reputable construction companies in South Florida including Current Builders, and The ANF Group. RayC is the Vice-President of the ABC Student Chapter, and the new Captain of the Commercial Construction Management competition team.

#### The McCalls

Charles

McCall.





in 1960 and was owner of Charles Perry Construction

until he passed away unex-

pectantly in 2005. He was

the father-in-law to Wayne

Perry graduated



Wayne McCall



Myron McCall



Carson McCall



Heath McCall

Wayne McCall graduated in 1980 and worked for Charles Perry Construction. Perry-McCall Construction, Inc. was founded in 1989 when Wayne McCall formed a new construction company in Northeast Florida committed to meeting the needs of their clients while providing total customer satisfaction. Through this experience, Perry-McCall has grown from a small partnership serving one region into a multimillion-dollar construction firm that services the entire Southeast. Wayne is Founder and CEO.

Myron McCall (brother to Wayne) graduted in 1982 and is President and COO of Perry-McCall. Myron co-founded Perry-McCall and directs its daily operation.

Wayne's sons, Heath (BCN 2008) and Carson (BCN 2009), also BCN graduates are now estimator/project managers with Perry-McCall.

#### The Burkhardts

Vincent Louis was the first of three Vincent Burkhardts to attend the University of Florida. He left school in the 40's to join the war effort. After the war, he founded Arrow Electric and was highly involved with BCN. He was inducted into the Rinker School's Construction Hall of Fame in 1985.

Vince (far left) and son Vince (far right) tailgate with UF President Emeritus and Mrs. Marshall Criser before the 2006 National Championship game in Arizona.

Vincent G. Burkhardt (BCN '72) is the founder and president of Burkhardt Construction, Inc.

Vince served on the executive committee for BCN and was elected chairman in 2003 and 2004. He received the Distinguished Alumnus award in 2003.

Vincent Lloyd Burkhardt (BCN '06) is working as a project manager for Burkhardt Construction. Vincent is currently working on streetscape projects in Central Florida.

#### **Lessons Learned**

written by Dave Senko, Director of Operations, Fluor Enterprises

#### **Delight Your Client**

Communication is the most important element in any relationship. Whether a spouse, co-worker, neighbor, professor, superior, subordinate, client or subcontractor, communication is the avenue that drives the mutual success for whatever may be involved. As for satisfying your client, that is "old school" and no longer sufficient. Clients expect to be fully satis-



Dave Senko, BCN 1981

fied as part of their contract or project; a 'given,' in other words. It is now necessary to delight, excite, teach, mentor, protect, and whatever else is needed to demonstrate you're providing greater value. This does not necessarily require additional monies. In the business world (I do not recommend issuing a weekly memo to your spouse, albeit, in some cases it may actually help), I have found an easy way to build rapport with a client; client being a customer, owner, manager, or supervisor. Over the years, this has been very well received, without exception.

Projects have reporting requirements outlined in the terms and conditions, scope of work, or otherwise designated by the client. Those, of course, need to be developed, updated, and transmitted as required. They typically include daily, weekly or monthly progress reports; safety statistics, schedules, cost reports, change orders, notices, submittals, and general correspondence typical of most projects. This information is often voluminous and cumbersome, sometimes to the point of being unusable or at least difficult to summarize for any practical use. It can be hard to find errors and the worst part is they are usually sent with the slight touch of a print, enter, or send key. I do not want to undermine the importance of detailed reporting (as they say, the devil is in the details!). However, the more difficult part, often overlooked, is the timely interpretation and summarization of that information into a state whereas needed action items, recovery plans, or adjustments to execution, etc. can be implemented quickly for maximum benefit.

In addition to all required communication, a simple communication technique has been very effective for me. It is common for managers to attend and report on their responsibilities in a weekly meeting, often times early on a Monday morning. On large construction projects, the pace is hectic, often involves weekend work, and as such is difficult for a manager to report on his activities in an early Monday morning status meeting with their superiors and peers.

By providing a simple bulleted memo, in electronic form easily received on a laptop or blackberry, your senior client representative can walk into his meeting with pertinent topics to report. He will 'look good' and be able to report timely with brevity and confidence.

#### Some key benefits include:

- Information is concise, very current, and drafted so he can be "well-informed." There can be items that make him look good to show 'he is on top of things'!
- Being issued directly from senior manager to senior manager, it is reliable.
- Over time, you and your client will become more of a team, supporting each other to success.
- The 'informal' memo can serve as support for an offensive or defensive claim if needed; after all, you reported to him, and he reported to his superiors on a regular and timely basis. Of course, when pertinent, official correspondence should also be provided.
- The perception of your performance will improve as well your reputation.
- Helps you to maintain focus on important milestones, issues and objectives.
- If you blind copy this memo to your direct reports, it provides additional reminder of committment.

#### Some requirements include:

- Must be at the end of the week or very near thereto, can be Friday afternoon or Sunday evening, and must be done consistently.
- Need to include both positive and negative items; properly worded to direct accountability.
- Must be concise bullets focusing on safety, milestones, major starts, major completions, problems or other topics important to the project, or the 'concern of the day.'
- Must be one page, from you, to him, list activities for that week ending and list activities planned for the following week. No more than 4-6 bullets for each week.

If you would like to submit an article for the "Lessons Learned" section of the news-letter, please contact Kim Stanley at kimms@ufl.edu.

## **BCN Grand Guard - Class of 1959**

Congratulations to the following 1959 BCN alumni who were inducted into the University of Florida Grand Guard Friday, November 20, 2009. The events of the Grand Guard Weekend included tours of Oak Hammock and the University, lunch at the Rinker School and the Gators vs. Florida International University football game. These BCN alums were inducted at a ceremony held at the J. Wayne Reitz Union that concluded with dinner and dancing.



(L-R) Bob Claudy, Bill Ayers, Joe Brown, Dr. Chini, Bob Bird, George Austin, Curtis Culver, Wink Jackson

## **Alumni Updates -**

Rodney Kincaid, BCN 1958 - Kincaid Construction Co. celebrated their 46th company anniversary on December 19th. Rodney attended a two-day seminar and written exam administered by FDEP to qualify as a stormwater management inspector. This will qualify him to provide all required inspection for compliance to the Stormwater regulations for all of their commercial building projects. He is also completing his seventh year as a member of the City of Winter Park Construction Board of Adjustments & Appeals and currently presides at the meetings as Chairman of the Board.

**David O. Charland, BCN 1961** - David has been a practicing structural engineer, since graduation. He is currently Regional Director with TRC Worldwide Engineering a regional structural and transportation firm with 10 offices in USA, 5 in Florida, and 2 offices in India. He is currently in his 2nd term as a member of the Florida Board of Professional Engineers. Appointed to 2nd term by Governor Crist in October 2009. Go Gators!

Doss Watson, BCN 1966 - Doss and his wife live in Delaware and just returned from the Florida - FSU game. They brought their 14-year old granddaughter to her first Florida football game because she is a BIG Tebow fan. Doss showed her the campus....dorms he stayed in, buildings he had classes in, his pavers in front of Rinker Hall, etc. He stated "I've been to games before but this time was special because I could see how overwhelmed I must have been when I started as a seventeen year-old in 1962. My life has been very comfortable thanks to the U of Fla. and BCN. Next month I start my 20th year as an Adjunct Instructor at Delaware Technical and Community College. While my career in construction was rewarding, helping young adults to better their chances for success is just as rewarding not from a financial standpoint but a personal one. Most community college students have families to support and job obligations all while trying to attend class."

**Gary L. Keene, BCN 1973** and **Michael S. (Max) Klimas, BCN 1981** – Gary and Max have formed a construction consultant firm called Keene Klimas Consultants Group, LLC www.KeeneKlimas.com They are located in Orlando, FL

Jeffery M. Wolf, BCN 1974 - Jeff established Jeffery M. Wolf General Contractor, Inc. in 1992. The company specializes in one-of-a kind custom homes in the St. Petersburg, FL area. The company has a major emphasis on green and sustainable construction practices and won three Aurora and Two Grand Aurora awards in the areas of Sustainability and Solar Power at the SEBC for its most recently completed project on Treasure Island, FL. The home obtained a HERS Index of -9. Jeffery is a member of LEED and Florida Green Building Coalition and holds Green Building certifications with NAHB and NARI. The company's website is jmwolf.net

**Roy Friedman, BCN 1974** – Roy is Senior Resident Construction Manager at MACTEC Engineering and Consulting in Fairchild AFB, WA. He provides professional engineering and construction oversight for the privatization of USAF Military Family Housing. He is responsible for interacting with local community management team, Development Director, and Air Force leadership. Project includes a total of 49 different plan types.

Craig D. Lamberson, BCN 1975 – Craig is President of J.O. DeLottto & Sons, Inc. in Tampa, FL. DeLotto is a 49-person general contractor/construction manager/design builder who has conducted business from the same address in Tampa for over 63 years. He and his partners represent the fourth generation of ownership in this highly recognized, craftsmanship oriented company. Their present workload consists of 50% commercial/industrial and 50% high end custom residential. Recently they celebrated the retirement of one of their skilled carpenters who after working for DeLotto his entire career of 47 years finally chose fishing over carpentry as his occupation of preference. J.O. DeLotto & Sons has four other BCN graduates on their team.

Tim Ackert, BCN 1976 – Tim has just completed his second year as Project Director for the City of Orlando, overseeing their billion dollar Venues Program. His first project, the Amway Center (new home for the Magic) is on schedule to be completed next fall for the 2010/11 season. The next project, a new 3 hall performing arts center, will break ground next fall, with the first performance in the fall of 2013. The third project, the renovation of their Citrus Bowl, is off to a slow start due to economics, but they hope to begin some general upgrades in 2011. Norma, Tim's wife, and Tim just returned to Gainesville in October for the first time since1976 for the 40th reunion of the Rugby Club. He commented that "Shands has taken over."

Norm Nelms, BCN 1980 - Norm currently works for Penn National Gaming, Inc. where he is Vice President of Design and Construction. He is based at his home in Windermere, FL, and manages gaming related projects (Casinos, Hotels, etc.) across the U.S. for the Pennsylvania based company. After graduating in 1980, he has had great opportunities primarily in gaming, theme parks, and arena projects. He can be reached at nnelms3@yahoo.com. Go Gators!!

Dale Hedrick, BCN 1980 - Dale has recently celebrated the 30th anniversary of his general contracting company Hedrick Brothers Construction located in West Palm Beach. Dale earned his LEED AP designation this year from the U.S. Green Building Council, and was also awarded the Sun-Sentinel Excalibur Award for Palm Beach County Small Business Leader of the Year. He is also the managing member of TruBamboo, which is the leading manufacturer of bamboo houseware products in the U.S.A., and a Service Provider for the EB5 Regional Center of Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Hendry Counties. His eldest son, Burk, is a sophomore at UF attending the Rinker School of Building Construction working toward becoming a fifth generation general contractor.

**Dave Breidenbach, BCN 1980, MBC 1981** - Dave is Vice President of AP Construction in New York and Connecticut and has recently completed Nokia US Head-quarters in New York. Dave is in charge of office and field operations including MIS and LEED training. Dave lives in NY with wife Ann and has two young adults in college.

John Zuckley, BCN 1980 - Currently John is the Manager of Project Controls for AECOM Transportation's Aviation division in Tampa Florida. AECOM is currently ranked by ENR as #2 in the top 500 design firms. This division not only provides substantial design services, but it also assists clients in managing over \$30 billion in Aviation Capital Programs. Prior to joining AECOM 3 years ago, John spent 18 years with Bechtel with significant Project and Program Control positions including the Business Manager for Miami International Airport's \$6 billion Capital Expansion Program. John continues his 30 year involvement with AACEI, which started at U of F, and is currently a Board Member for the North Florida Chapter. John and his wife Laurel UF 80' (married just after graduation from UF) have settled in Inverness Fl, and have 4 world traveled sons. In his spare time, he has created / tinkered with recycle machine for the cleaning and reuse of demolition bricks that uses digital photography in the process control; a patent has been applied for. He also has a garage full of wood shop tools, and bikes and kayaks as time permits.

**Katherine Crespin, BCN 1981**, President, and **Vick Crespin, MBC 1980**, LEED AP, Vice President of KVC Constructors, Inc., celebrated the company's eighth anniversary in April of 2009. D. Alex Felipe, BCN 1996, LEED AP, is the firm's project manager on the \$34.5 million Courthouse Center Parking Garage and Offices for the Miami Parking Authority.

Russell A. Budd, BCN 1981 – Russell is the president of Wall Systems Inc. of Southwest Florida, a premier metal framing and drywall subcontractor. The firm is the only UL Certified Firestop Contractor and FM 4991 Approved Firestop Contractor in the state of Florida. Russell recently renewed his Designated Responsible Individual "DRI" Certification through both Underwriters Laboratories and Factory Mutual. As a DRI, Budd is personally responsible for the oversight and management of the firm's firestop division. He has eight years of experience in firestopping and has received extensive education in the proper selection and installation of firestop systems according to UL or ULC Fire Resistance Design. For more about Russell visit www.walls-swfl.com.

Monarcha Marcet, BCN 1981 - Due to the current economy and climate of the building industry, Monarcha Marcet, Adventure in Building, Inc., has diversified by starting a second company: Personal Electric Transportation of Orlando, Inc., (www. gopetorlando.com) offering the GoPet scooter as an alternate means of transportation. She personally uses her GoPet to get to meetings that are within a 10 mile radius of her home office. Marcet anticipates that when building begins again that this product will be useful for superintendents on multiple home-site developments and large commercial projects.

**Peter S. Van Keuren, BCN 1983** - Peter graduated from the University of Florida College of Law in 1989 and just celebrated 20 years as a member of the Florida Bar and Federal Southern District Court of Florida. He was also was recently re-certified by the Florida Bar as a Board Certified Civil Trial Attorney. He specializes in civil trial work and concentrates his practice on personal injury and wrongful death.

## Alumni Updates, cont.

Michael Moran, BCN 1984 - Moran Construction, Inc., a Service Disabled Veteran Owned (SDVO) small business general contractor with offices in Cocoa, Florida, just received an "OUTSTANDING" evaluation from NASA for their recently completed Hangar AE Lobby Renovations project. NASA recognized Moran Construction as outstanding in such categories as Timely Performance, Effectiveness of Management, Compliance with Labor Standards and Compliance with Safety Standards. Email: mmoran@moranconstructioninc.com

Michael Goldman, BCN 1987 - In 1996, Mike started Gen-X Construction, Inc., specializing in small to medium commercial construction, including retail, restaurants, professional and medical offices. During the past 3 years, Mike has built several religious and educational institutions as well as various construction projects at 11 community parks in Broward County. Mike and his wife, Denise (BSAC 1987) have been married for 21 years and have 2 children: Matthew (18) and Lindsay (14). Matthew is currently a freshman at UF and Mike and Denise are so proud to have another Gator in the family!

**John Briestol, BCN 1988** – John's wife, Suzanne, have started a company Florida Construction Connection, Inc. (www.hiringhelper.com) to bridge the gap between the traditional job board and a recruiter.

**Jeff Holaday, BCN 1990** – Jeff is a project manager for Prime Construction Group, Inc. out of Orlando, FL He has two boys Dylan (16) and Russell (12).

Ron Whalen, BCN 1990 - In October, Ron spoke at this year's AURP (Association of University Research Parks) Conference. The conference was hosted by the Vancouver Island Technology Park, sponsored by Discovery Parks, and held at The Westin Bayshore, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The theme for this year's annual conference was "Advancing Global Research Park Networks." Ron's session was entitled "Making the most of LEED points: Getting to LEED Gold with a LEED Silver Design." While constructing the recently completed Burnham Institute for Medical Research at Lake Nona, BE&K Building Group implemented innovative LEED design and constructability programs to push the project from Silver to Gold status at no additional cost to the client. While maintaining the aggressive project schedule and adhering to the project budget, the project team created an innovate recycling program and strategized ways to "do better" in other LEED categories to make the category jump. The session shared these ideas and helped attendees make the most of LEED points in a cost and schedule conscious manner.

Michael Foley, Jr., BCN 1992 - Mike is presently the President and an Owner of RoyalAire Mechanical Services, Inc. in Oldsmar Florida. RoyalAire is a commercial mechanical firm in the Tampa Bay area and adjacent counties doing \$10 million dollars annual work. RoyalAire is a proud Bull Gator Booster. Michael recently gained his LEED AP designation. He is married to Kim (BSBA 1992), and has two daughters Kyra and Paige who aspire to be future Gators. The family presently resides in Odessa, Florida.

**Bill Nassal, BCN 1994** and **Matt Brown, BCN 1994** – Bill and Matt are working on the new expansions for the Dallas and Houston Zoo. Their office in the Abu Dhabi is completing the construction of four different attractions at the Ferrari theme park.

**Anthony Ingrassia, BCN 1995** - Anthony is president of Ingrassia Construction Co., Inc. in Middlesex, NJ and was married to his wife Jessica in September 2009 in New York City.

**Jason Shirey, BCN 1995** – In 2007, Jason founded EquiValue Appraisal of Destin, FL after serving as a construction manager for the preceding years. EquiValue Appraisal specializes in the appraisal of commercial properties in Florida Panhandle. He also has a real estate and development division, as well as being a licensed real estate broker and general contractor. He has appraised multiple commercial and residential developments, including the 150-unit Island Reserve Condominium in Panama City Beach, FL.

Mark J. Rubinstein, BCN 1995 - Mark is a senior project manager at Stiles construction in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Alex De Martini, BCN 1996 - In 2007, Alex joined the Atlanta based group, The Conlan Company, after 11 years of service at Stellar (formerly The Stellar Group). After spending six months in Atlanta, Alex returned to Jacksonville upon the opening of Conlan's new branch office. Alex currently serves as project manager and has overseen many projects, including a 1 million square foot distribution center for Bridgestone. In his down time, Alex enjoys spending time with his wife, Sherry and two boys, Luca (3) and Marco (1 1/2) and of course cheering on his Gators.

**Jason Boffey, BCN 1997** - Jason has joined the Construction Industry Practice Group of the law firm of Holland & Knight, LLP in Orlando as an associate. He lives in Heathrow, FL with his wife Jennifer and three daughters - Vallarie (7), Natalie (5), and Lauren (1). He can be reached at jason.boffey@hklaw.com.

Mark Chastain, BCN 1998 - Mark is owner of Hyperion Construction, LLC, and has recently relocated the business from Pensacola, FL to Elberta, AL after completion of the new company office building.

Gabriel Everhart, BCN 1998 - Gabe is currently working as a Project Manager for the Crom Corporation in Gainesville, while pursuing a Master's Degree in BCN with a concentration in Sustainability. He expects to graduate in July 2010. Prior to this he worked for 2 years as a Project Manager for H.J. High in Ft. Pierce, FL, and prior to that he was overseas as a Project Engineer for J.A. Jones working on projects such as the new US Embassy in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and a Tycom data center in Groningen, Netherlands. Gabe states "between these activities and playing around with the kids (6, 3, & 1) life has been full!"

**Roan Waterbury, BCN 1998** - Roan is a Project Manager for Skanska and works out of their office in Winter Park. In September 2009, he married Jennifer Lynn Caldwell.

**Jason D. Gassett, BCN 2001** – Jason is currently a project manager for Childers Construction Company. He has just finished a project at Florida State University that was selected as "Project of the Year" for the ABC North Florida Chapter.

**Rob Montgomery, BCN 2001** – Rob is the Program Director for the brand new Construction Management Technology Program at Hillsboro Community College. The two year program starts spring 2010 and is an AAS degree in construction management technology.

**Timothy N. Rascher, BCN 2002** - For the past couple of years Tim has worked as General Counsel for Finfrock Design-Manufacture-Construct, Inc. in Apopka, Florida. They are a design-build general contractor and precast concrete manufacturer specializing in parking structures. They just recently completed a garage for the new Shands expansion on SW 13th just south of Archer Rd.

Jason "Jay" Wahl, BCN 2004 - Jason previously worked for Foster & Company General Contractors, Inc in Duluth GA as a project manager on several multi-family apartment complexes. He finished his last project with them in August 2008 which was a 411 unit 18 million dollar combined Affordable/Senior affordable apartment complex in Atlanta GA. He was the Project Manager for that project. In November 2008, he moved to MJG Construction Services, LLC. to become their Vice President of Construction and a partner in the company. He is currently managing multiple projects in Atlanta, Lawrenceville, Savannah and South Carolina.

**Kevin Boylan, BCN 2005** – Kevin has taken a leave from the construction industry to join the US Peace Corps in Paraguay.

Jimmy Terpening, BCN 2005 - Jimmy decided to go to law school following graduation, yet knew he wanted to further pursue his interest in construction. He attended Emory Law school in Atlanta and graduated this past spring. He is now an attorney at the Florida law firm of Shutts & Bowen in their Miami office practicing business litigation, with a focus on construction law. He states "that he looks forward to building my construction law practice and using my BCN degree to get there. I am very happy with my BCN degree, which has paid major dividends both in the respect it garners in the construction field, and also to the extent it helps me in understanding construction law cases."

**Dan Boda, BCN 2006** – Dan is currently a graduate student at Cornell University School of Hotel Administration focusing on Real Estate, Finance and Investments. He plans to graduate May 2010

**Brittany** (Lee) Culbreth, BCN 2006 – Brittany married Jesse Culbreth in April 2009. She works for Sauer Inc. and was promoted to Project Manager in October. She states that she "enjoys the "real world" but often reminisce about all the great memories I have of Rinker."

**Chandra (Hodoval) Broadbent, BCN 2007** – Chandra married Dustin Broadbent in Atlanta on November 22, 2008.

## Alumni Updates, cont.-

**John Knowles, BCN 2007** - John has relocated to the Beautiful Florida Keys. In October he received my Florida CGC license and is currently the Qualifier and VP of Operations for Neptune Atlantic Boat Lifts in Tavernier, FL. The company specializes in the sales and installation of aluminum industrial duty boat lifts varying in size from 4,500lbs. up to 300,000lbs. with the ability to accommodate any custom application.

**Kevin Chupp, BCN 2008** and **Lindsey Ore, BCN 2008** – Kevin proposed to Lindsey a week before graduation. She accepted his proposal and they have plans to be married May 2010 at the beautiful and historic Bok Towers and Gardens in Lake Wales, FL. Kevin works as a Project Engineer with Balfour Beatty. Lindsey works as a Project Engineer for BRPH. They have joined the Central Florida Gator BCN Alumni group and enjoy meeting other alumni in the Central Florida area. While they were students, Kevin and Lindsey were part of the UF construction management team and were happy to come back this year to assist in preparing the next team for their competition. The 2009 team placed first in the Southeast Region thanks to Kevin and Lindsey's assistance.

**Derek Bloor, BCN 2008** – Derek is a Peace Corps volunteer serving in Panama. He completed 10 weeks of training in late October and is now serving in a small indigenous community in Bocas del Toro in northwestern Panama. He is called an environmental/construction extentionist and will be building composting latrines and building and maintaining an aquaduct. He has a blog online at derekbloor.blog.com which has more information on it.

**Ian Miller, BCN 2008** - Ian is currently a Chief Estimator/Executive Project Manager for Capponi Construction Group in South Beach Miami. Capponi's projects are high end residential, condo, commercial, restaurant, and nightclubs. Ian states that he is 'working in paradise'!

Steve Ensinger, FES 2008 – Steve recently obtained the International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. Fire Investigation Technician (IAAI-FIT) designation. He currently works for Fire Rescue at Palm Beach Gardens.

**Aaron Leech, BCN 2009** – After graduation, Aaron was hired by Hawkins Construction Inc. Hawkins is a commercial contractor located in Tarpon Springs, FL. He is currently working in the estimating department and on path to be a construction manager.

Victoria Kenward, BCN 2009 - After graduating in May, Victoria was hired by RL Campbell Management Services of Jacksonville, FL, an 8A Contractor and Mentor-Protege Company. Their client base is strictly the Department of Defense and General Services Administration. She started out at RL Campbell in July and has since been made Project Manager over IDIQ Contracts at Eglin Air Force Base/Hurlburt Field (Fort Walton Beach, FL) and Whiteman Air Force Base (Warrensburg, MO). She travels to Nebraska, Iowa, Missisippi, Florida, Kansas, South Carolina and Missouri to make site visits to various projects including military facilities, Federal Courthouses, and other government institutions. The Operations Team will attend the 2010 NRCA International Roofing Expo in New Orleans, where she will have the opportunity to earn CE credits and meet some of the largest industry suppliers and manufacturers. She is learning from the best, given a very knowledgeable and supportive team. She states that she "feels blessed to work for such a well established, faith-based organization."

BCN ALUMNI - Are you a Building Construction graduate who has also pursued your law degree?? In the next newsletter we plan to feature an article called "BCN Lawyers." Photos are welcome. If you would like to be included, please email Kim Stanley at kimms@ufl.edu before June 2010.

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#### Atlanta Gator BCN Alumni Club

The **Atlanta Gator BCN Alumni Club** will have their next gathering on February 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. They will be watching the Gator basketball team whoop up on Auburn on TV. Location to be determined. Anyone interested in attending or joining the Alumni Club should contact Rob Herndon at robherndon@bellsouth.net or 678-352-1524.

#### North Florida Gator BCN Alumni Club

The North Florida Gator BCN Alumni Club will have a re-grouping session in late February to discuss ways to regenerate the club. Anyone interested in joining in the efforts for this club that includes the Jacksonville area, please contact Kim Stanley at kimms@ufl. edu.

Correspondence for all BCN Club future events are sent via e-mail, so remember to update your e-mail\address on the UF Alumni Web site. https://www.ufalumni.ufl.edu/contact/bioupdate.aspx

## Learning Tree

The building construction program benefited from the work of Dr. Ajay Shanker, Whitley Steel and the support of staff by having a Steel Learning Sculpture placed on the north lawn of Rinker Hall.

The purpose of the "Steel Tree" is to aid students in the understanding of steel design and construction utilizing full-size members and connections.

The design for the tree is from the AISC Steel Sculpture drawings. Versions of the tree have been built throughout campuses in the United States and Canada and serve as a learning tool for construction and engineering majors. Dr.



Shanker worked through the campus approval process. The Whitley Company generously supported the school by providing the shop drawings, producing the statue, and providing delivery/installation. The school would like to thank the Whitley family as well as Touan Plante who managed the shop detail and job coordination. The 'tree' has already served to promote the school by students interacting with the sculpture as the pass up and down Inner Road.

Special thanks to Dr. Jim Sullivan for supervising the installation of the Learning Tree.

## **BCN Alumni Regional Club Updates**

#### Tampa Bay Gator BCN Alumni Club

The Tampa Bay BCN Gators held their 2nd Annual Fishing Tournament on Friday, October 2nd out of Hula Bay Waterfront Bar & Grill in Tampa. The tournament was successful in raising over \$6,500 for the School's Endowed Professorship Program, which receives matching funds from the State. There were 13 boats and 48 anglers who competed for over \$2,000 worth of prizes awarded to the top three teams with the longest combined three species of fish. First Place went to Team Melville (75") - Mike Ferguson, Clark Wright, Alex Hunt-Branch, Mike Perez; Second Place went to Team JE Charlotte Construction (69") - Jeff Charlotte, Justin Burkhart, Andy Smithers, and TJ Stewert; Third place went to Team Power Design (62") - JR Norris, Chris Bayer, Matt Britten, Lauren Caby, Steve Browning, and Eric Meister. The Big Fish winner went to Mike Ferguson with a 32" Redfish. Team Reel Deep sponsored by Merit Painting won the Sportsmanship award with their catch of 0.00" worth of tournament qualifying fish...a record low!

We would like to send special thanks to this year's sponsors: Gator Sponsor - West Star Interiors; Shirt Sponsor & Boat Sponsor - Power Design, Inc.; Hat Sponsor & Boat Sponsor - Tappouni Mechanical; Ruler Sponsor - Bollenback Builders; Food and Drink Sponsors - Clark Construction, Nelson Construction, Angle & Schmid, Peninsular Mechanical, & Cornwall Plumbing; Boat Sponsors - Creative Contractors, Kobrin Builders Supply, Water-tight Solutions, Hanlon Acoustical, JB Group, JE Charlotte Construction, Mike Ferguson, Cross Construction Services, Diaz Fritz Isabel GC, & Merit Professional Coatings; and thanks to our Tournament Captain Sergio Atanes and REELFISHY who helped organize the event and donated all of the raffle prizes, accounting for over \$400 worth of donations to the school.

Look for the 3rd Annual TBBCN Fishing Tournament around the same time next year to be held in the Tampa Bay area.



1st Place winners (L-R): Chris Lucas (Tournament Organizer), Mike Ferguson, Andrew Wilbert (Tournament Organizer), Sergio Atanes (Tournament Captain), Mike Perez, and Clark Wright.

2nd Place winners (L-R): Andrew Wilbert & Chris Lucas (Tournament Organizers), TJ Stewart, Justin Burkhart, Sergio Atanes (Tournament Captain), Andrew Smithers and Jeff Charlotte.





3rd Place winners (L-R): Andrew Wilbert and Chris Lucas (Tournament Organizers), Eric Meister, Sergio Atanes (Tournament Captain), Matt Britten, Steve Browning, Lauren Caby, Chris Bayer and JR Norris.

#### North Central Florida Gator BCN Alumni Club

The Gainesville/Ocala chapter of the Gator BCN Alumni Club is excited about the upcoming new year and the new events planned for the spring. The next regular meeting/social is scheduled for Tuesday, March 2, 2009 to coincide with the UF-Vandy basketball game in Gainesville. The event will be held in Emerson Alumni Hall just prior to tip off.

In addition, the club is also planning the 4th Annual NCF BCN Alumni Club Sporting Clays Tournament to be held in early April at the Bradford Sportsmen's Farm. Last year's tournament yielded a tournament record high team score of 327 by Jim Pettengill, Bob Harding and Ken Tenney (Central Florida Drywall) and Ed Newman (Newman Heating and Air). Highest Overall Score award went to Tom Easom of WW Gay Mechanical with a score of 90. The event was sponsored by WW Gay Mechanical Contractors and Central Florida Drywall. Thank you to all who participated, and we are looking forward to seing even more people out this coming year for another great event.

#### GET CONNECTED



The North Central Florida Gator BCN Alumni Club is launching a new website to keep everyone informed of the local activities and to keep alumni connected. To sign up, please visit: www.UFBCNNCFLAlumni.com

## **BCN Alumni Regional Club Updates**

#### Southwest Florida Gator BCN Alumni Club



(L-R) Kevin Morton, Scott Roadman, Matt Farr and Sean Morton.



(L-R) Frank Murati, John Gooding and Bill Fenno



(L-R) Mike Wagner, Don Moody and Mike Richardson

The Second Southwest Florida Gator BCN Club Golf Tournament took place Friday, October 23, 2009 at The Lely Resort – Mustang Course in Naples, FL. The staff at The Mustang were outstanding and helped with all aspects of the tournament. The tournament was a modified scramble and started at 8:00 AM. There was a luncheon after the tournament which featured over 20 raffle prizes featuring gift certificates to local restaurants, rounds of golf to local courses, hotel stays, tools and even a 52" HD TV donated by AVL Pro, Inc.

The field of golfers consisted of 22 foursomes. The team of Bill Parks, Bob Menley, Mark Williams, and Bob Schroeder took first place honors. There were prizes given out for closest to the pin as well as a long drive contest.

Everyone had a great time at the tournament thanks to the help of the SWFL Gator BCN Club Golf Committee Members, which included John Gooding, Mike Wagner, Mike Hoyt, Louis George, Tim Rushing and Mike Richardson. This was a first-class event that allowed nearly 100 local people that work in the field of construction to socialize and network while at the same time playing a beautiful golf course and having a good time.

The event raised \$8,400.00 for the Rinker School of Building Construction. We would like to thank all of our sponsors that donated to the golf tournament. Below are the major sponsors:

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#### Central Florida Gator BCN Alumni Club

The Central Florida Gator BCN Club has been very active over the past several months. With over 100 registered alumni members, the Club is a great way to socialize and stay connected with other BCN-grads in the Orlando region.

"Gator Gathering" Socials were held at different venues throughout the area. These events have proven successful for both networking and for keeping updated on the Rinker School of Building Construction. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, these events are free to attend and are always a great time. Sponsors for socials in August, October and December included ECS Florida, Shell Systems, Wal-Mark, and the Orlando Magic. Special thanks to the Rinker School and Dr. Oppenheim for participating in the December event and providing the group an update of the School's curriculum. There have also been several football tailgating events coordinated by the Club. Prior to the Vanderbilt game on November 7th, the group held two separate tailgate parties. Thanks to Coby Welch and Tom Maurer for sponsoring these events. The Club is planning for its 2nd Annual Golf Tournament in mid-April. The 2009 event included a full field of 144 golfers and enabled the club to provide significant support of the professorship endowment at the School. The 2010 tournament will be held at Orange County National and looks to be another outstanding event. Sign up now, because space and sponsorship opportunities are already filling up!

Stay tuned for more! The Club is continually working on other events, socials and gatherings to allow members to stay connected.



The Central Florida BCN Alumni Club held a social on December 3rd at the Magic Experience Center. More than 30 attended.

Sincere appreciation to Club Board members who make this organization a success:

Rob Maphis – James A. Cummings, Inc. (President)
Sean DeMartino – Balfour Beatty (Past President)
John Sofarelli – J. Raymond
Jim Ellspermann – Brasfield & Gorrie
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Alumni interested in finding out more about the Club can go to the website at www.ufbcn.org.

#### **Endowments**

#### **Endowed Professorship for Construction Services**

The Rinker School plans to develop a construction services track using an endowment funded by the construction industry, especially companies in the construction services sector. Students who graduate from this track will be qualified to work for equipment suppliers, material suppliers, testing laboratories, bonding agencies, insurance providers, financial firms, accounting firms, legal firms, and specialty contractors. Please consider a generous donation to the endowment for Construction Services Professorship. Donors will be entitled to the following benefits:

- Perpetual Donor Wall Recognition
- Orange & Blueprints publication
- University Honor Roll of Donors
- Rinker School Major Donor Status
- UF President's Council recognition

The Rinker School wishes to thank the following companies for their generous donations to the Construction Services Endowment funds:

#### **Industry Leadership Honor Roll**

| Company Name                       | Gift     |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Acousti Engineering                | \$5,000  |
| Angle and Schmid                   | \$20,000 |
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| Clark Construction                 | \$40,000 |
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| J. Raymond Construction            | \$20,000 |
| James A. Cummings                  | \$20,000 |
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| Springer Peterson Roofing & SM     | \$20,000 |
| Suffolk Construction               | \$20,000 |
| Tappouni Mechanical Services, Inc. | \$6,000  |
| TGSV Enterprises                   | \$10,000 |
| TLC Concrete Construction, Inc.    | \$5,000  |
| Vulcan / Florida Rock Industries   | \$20,000 |
| Wall Systems, Inc.                 | \$5,000  |
| W.W. Gay Mechanical                | \$6,000  |

#### Kalemeris Endowment

Jim Kalemeris (BCN 1951) and his wife, Joyce, pledged to the UF Foundation the amount of \$45,000 to establish "The James G. and Joyce C. Kalemeris Endowment." The spendable income from the Fund shall be used to support teaching, research and academic programs at the M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Building Construction at the discretion of the School Director, including, but not limited to, student and faculty support.



(L-R) Joyce and James Kalemeris

Jim is founder of Kalemeris Construction Company in Tampa and a member of the Rinker School's Construction Hall of Fame.

#### The Zachary Blain Schlitt Endowed Scholarship

BCN graduate, Zachary Blain Schlitt (BCN 2004), was killed



is to honor and memorialize the life of Zach, who exhibited great enthusiasm for life and its experiences, was fiercely loyal and loving toward his family, dedicated to his profession, compassionate with his friendships, and courageous toward new experiences.

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Florida vs. Florida State game. This gift

Zach Schlitt

The spendable income from the Fund shall be used to support scholarships to students in the Rinker School who demonstrate dedication to academic excellence, an active life style, and involve-

ment in the University community. This endowment was made possible through the generosity of the family and many friends of Zach Schlitt.

#### Sofarelli Endowment

John Sofarelli, President of J. Raymond Construction and Vice-Chair of the BCN Advisory Council Executive Commitee, provided a \$30,000 gift to the UF Foundation to establish "The John Raymond Sofarelli, Sr. Endowment."

The spendable income from this Fund shall be used to support scholarships for BCN students and occasionally teaching, research and academic programs at the M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Building Construction.



John Sofarelli

#### WAYS TO GIVE

Making charitable contributions is an art – a creative process that adapts to the changing needs and wishes of the donor. Planned giving enables a donor to arrange charitable contributions in ways



that maximize personal objectives while minimizing the after-tax cost. If you are interested in giving to the Rinker School, please contact Lynne Capece, Director of Development at lcapece@dcp. ufl.edu or (352) 392-4836 x314.

## **Sponsorships**

#### Opportunities to help

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 about your support.

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 a prominent credit on the back page of the Newsletter.

The following is a list of events and their approximate cost to us for which your support would be very beneficial to the Rinker School and its students:

| Available Event Sponsorships |             | (       |  |  |
|------------------------------|-------------|---------|--|--|
| Graduation Dinner            | Spring 2010 | \$3,500 |  |  |
| NAHB Competition             | Spring 2010 | \$5,000 |  |  |
| BCN Newsletter               | Fall 2010   | \$8,000 |  |  |
| BIM Competition Team         | Spring 2011 | \$7,000 |  |  |
| Welcome Reception            | Fall 2011   | \$6,000 |  |  |
| LEED Competition Team        | Spring 2012 | \$7,000 |  |  |
| Homecoming BBQ               | Fall 2012   | \$3,500 |  |  |
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## **Future Event Sponsors**

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Homecoming BBQ

**Hawkins Construction** Fall 2010 Fall 2011 **Current Builders** 

**LEED Competition** 

James A. Cummings Spring 2010 Spring 2011 Clancy & Theys

**BIM Competition** 

Spring 2010 Turner Construction

If you need additional information, please contact Dr. Abdol Chini (chini@ufl.edu).

#### **Past Event Sponsors**

Special thanks to our past event sponsors.

Commercial Team (1998 - present) -**Balfour Beatty** Design-Build Team (2002-present) -Haskell Company Heavy/Civil Team (2006-present) -Nelson Construction

#### **ABC** Competition Team

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#### NAHB Competition Team

2003 - London Bay Homes 2004 - Centex Homes 2005 - BCBE Construction 2006 - BCBE Construction 2007 - Mercedes Homes 2009 - Paul & Laura Dickert

#### **BIM Competition Team**

Spring 2009 - Current Builders

#### **LEED Competition Team**

Spring 2007 - ME&S Spring 2008 - Beck Group Spring 2009 - Holder Construction

#### **Graduation Dinner**

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#### Welcome Reception

Spring 2001-Weitz Company Fall 2001- Brasfield & Gorrie Spring 2002 - Fluor Corp Fall 2002 -Turner Construction Spring 2003 - Weitz Company Fall 2003 - Fluor Corp. Spring 2004 - Brasfield & Gorrie Fall 2004 - Current Builders Spring 2005 - Weitz Company Fall 2005 - Charles Perry Construction Spring 2006- James A. Cummings Fall 2006 - Clancy & Theys Spring 2007 - Holder Construction Fall 2007 - Clancy & Theys Spring 2008 - The Weitz Company Fall 2008 - Robins & Morton Spring 2009 - Hardin Construction Fall 2009 - Holder Construction

#### Homecoming BBQ

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#### Graduate Student Reception

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## **Rinker School Major Donor Companies**

To show our appreciation to the construction companies who have contributed generously to the Rinker School, we have created a major donor status and provided the following recruiting advantages for our major donors:

All Major Donors shall receive a discounted registration fee for the career fair according to their level of donations (Gold, Silver, and Bronze). See the fee structure below.

All Major Donors shall get preferential placement at the Career Fair.

All Major Donors can participate in a reception with the graduating seniors the evening before the Career Fair.

Major Donors will be given priority for interview and seminar at the School before the Career Fair.

#### **Regular Registration Fee:**

For a booth including two (2) recruiters/company representatives... \$1,000

For each additional recruiter/company representative.... add \$400 each



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For a booth including two (2) recruiters/company representatives. \$300 Add up to three (3) additional recruiter/company representatives free of charge.

#### **Major Donor Levels:**

<u>Bronze</u>: Companies who have contributed \$10,000 or more to the Rinker School of Building Construction over the preceding 3 years.

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#### Major Donors as of December, 2009

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#### Bronze (\$10K or more in last 3 years)

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## Fall 2009 Welcome Reception

The M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Building Construction hosted its Fall 2009 Welcome Reception at Emerson Alumni Hall on September 3, 2009. The newest Junior 1's and graduate students eagerly listened to the overall message of the event: to embrace and take part in the school's many academic, professional and networking offerings. Dr. Abdol Chini, director of the School, listed the many opportunities in which students may take part, such as student competitions, exchange programs and student organizations and urged students to "get involved in as many activities as possible." Nearly a dozen BCN student leaders, such as Adam Milner, president of the student chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors, invited students to join the Rinker School's many acclaimed organizations. "The main goal is to provide interaction with professors, and get involved," Milner said. The students also heard brief introductions from faculty and staff, who described which courses they teach or what services they provide at the Rinker School. A special thanks is owed to Holder Construction, who sponsored the Fall 2009 Wel-





Representatives from each BCN student club give a brief presentation.



Representatives from CMAA (Construction Management Association of America Student Chapter) (L-R) Steve Glascott, Brando Fetzek, Brett Selby, and Jay Lee, wait to meet with new building construction students.



Sigma Lambda Chi member, Matt Estler, meets with prospective BCN student - Robert Granat to discuss honorary society.



Wayne Wadsworth (BCN 1989) of Holder Construction accepts plaque from Dr. Chini for the sponsorship of the Fall 2009 Welcome Reception.



A special thanks to **Holder Construction** for sponsoring the Welcome Reception.

## **BCN Homecoming.**

On Friday, October 16, 2009, the University of Florida held its 86th annual Homecoming Parade. Every year, more than 100,000 fans come out to see the parade floats - including a float made by BCN students - that make their way down University Avenue. A special thanks goes to the float sponsors: CEMEX, Haskell, BBI Construction Management, ANF Group, and Hypower.

On Saturday, October 17, more than 100 alumni and friends of the M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Building Construction gathered on the front lawn to celebrate the University of Florida's 2009 Homecoming BBQ. The event kicked off with an Advisory Council meeting at 9:30 a.m. and tour of Rinker Hall followed by the induction of Steve Palmer into the Construction Hall of Fame at 11:00 a.m. Steve is Chief Operating Officer for the Stiles Corporation and is celebrating his 30th year with Stiles.



After much mingling, reminiscing, and a healthy dose of BBQ, BCN alumni watched a 'nail-biter' game against Arkansas at the Swamp.



Brasfield & Gorrie representatives (L-R) Matt Szporka (BCN 2007), Dr. Abdol Chini, Betsy Markham (BCN 2008), Erik Sharpe (BCN 1995) and Erik's daughter.



A special thanks to **Brasfield & Gorrie** for sponsoring the Homecoming BBQ.

## **Fall 2009 BCN Convocation**







The M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Building Construction hosted an exclusive convocation on December 18, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at the UF Auditorium for its students graduating in Fall 2009.

Ray Southern, Sr. CEO and President of Balfour Beatty, gave the convocation speech. Ray is a BCN alumnus from 1973 and is a member of the Rinker School's Advisory Council Executive Committee. He was inducted into the Rinker School's Construction Hall of Fame in 2008.

Dr. Abdol Chini presented awards to Dr. Robert Ries for the College of Design, Construction & Planning International Educator of the Year Award, Dr. Paul Oppenheim for the Rinker School's Ex-

cellence in Teaching Award, student Eric Seminara for the Rinker School's Student Academic Excellence Award, student Adam Milner for the Rinker School's Student Leadership Award, and graduate student Josefina Wing Eramela for receiving the College of Design, Construction and Planning's Certificate of Outstanding Academic Achievement for international students. Brett Trudeau, who graduated Summa Cum Laude, presented the convocation address on behalf of the class of fall 2009.

Commencement for graduate students was held earlier that day while the undergraduate students had their commencement on Saturday, December 19th.

## **BCN Graduation Dinner**

BCN held its graduation dinner on December 18, 2009, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at J. Reitz Union Rion Ballroom. Over 290 graduates, family and BCN faculty attended this event to celebrate the graduation of another group of BCN students.

Dr. Rick Smailes presented awards for BCN 4787C - Construction Captstone projects. Angelika Zych received the Fall 2009 "Best Overall Capstone Project" and Honorable Mention for the "Most Innovative Capstone Project. Jesse Meyer received the "Most Innovative Capstone Project" and Alan Stickland received Honorable Mention for the "Best Overall Project."

Dr. Jimmie Hinze and Dr. Russ Walters presented the "Fluor Program Outstanding Student in Construction Safety" award to Dan Somerville.



A special thanks to The Shaw Group for sponsoring the Graduation Dinner.



Dr. Chini presents The Shaw Group representatives Randy Vigor, Senior Director of Operations and Jean Kelley, College Recruiting Coordinator with a plaque of appreciation for their sponsorship of the Fall 2009 Graduation Dinner.



Dr. Chini presents the Rinker School's Student Leadership award that is selected by the School's administration.



Dr. Chini presents Dr. Robert Stroh with a clock in appreciation for his 20 years of service to the Center for Housing Studies. Dr. Stroh retired at the end of 2009.

#### Fall 2009 Career Fair

The Rinker School held its Fall Career Fair on October 13, 2009, at the O'Connell Center. The career fair was attended by more than 50 companies and approximately 340 students and visitors. Many pre-BCN students attended the fair looking for internships, as well as alumni and students from other schools within the College and other building construction programs in Florida. *The next career fair will be in the Spring, on February 16th, 2010.* For more information on sponsoring or attending the career fair, please contact the job placement office at (352) 273-1187.



ANF Group recruiters Al Fernandez (left to right): Christine Fernandez (BCN 2008), and Nelson Fernandez pose with Albert



Recruiters from James A. Cummings (L-R): Tom Beagles (BCN 2007), Jimmy Bellows, Travis Kolbjronsen (BCN 2007) and Rob Maphis (BCN 1993).



ME&S Recruiters Fred Strammer (BCN 1983) and Greg Elwell (BCN 1975) with Albert.



John Sofarelli (BCN 1981) of J. Raymond & Associates meets with a BCN Student.



Kiewit representatives (L-R): Christine Beaudoin, Samira Mohammed, Brad Bubenzer, and Nicholas Salce (BCN 1992) take a photo with Albert.

ALUMNI JOB PLACEMENT - If you are looking for a job, information about our Career Fair or job placement services, please visit our website at: www.bcn.ufl.edu and then click on Job Placement.

## Student Exchange Program.

#### Hong Kong Exchange Program

Chunwang "Eric" Tsang, Peng "Ashlee" Yu, and Ho "Michael" Yau arrived in the U.S. for the first time in August. All three students are classmates at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Eric stated "American people are nice and they like talking to others." He was also amazed at the size of UF; he could walk from one end of Polytechnic University to the other in 10 minutes. Eric said that he learned a lot during his time in the U.S., both in and out of the classroom. "Everyone grabbed the opportunity to ask questions during class," he said. "At home you ask questions after class."

Ashley said that the professors were excellent. "They are professional and treat us very well," she said. "I also really enjoyed my roommates and friends in Weaver House, the international hall. And Gator Night is cool every Friday night." According to Ashley there were distinct differences between education in Hong Kong and the U.S. "There are so many exams," she said. "I felt sad about it at



German Exchange students (L-R): Ilona Schneider, Johanes Landermann, and Vera Simon

first, but this kind of education is better than Hong Kong. It makes your knowledge foundation solid and pushes you to read your books."

Michael appreciated the learning environment where students felt free to ask questions, and he also really enjoyed the sports at UF. "I went to see a football game," he said. "Students here are crazy for sports. It showed that they love their university. They support all the sports, but especially football."



Hong Kong Exchange students (L-R): Ashlee, Eric and Michael

#### Germany Exchange Program

This past fall semester, the Rinker School hosted three German students as part of our exchange program. The three students (Ilona Schneider, Vera Simon and Johannes Landermann) enrolled in a variety of courses that will be used as part of their degree program at the Hochschule Ostwestfalen-Lippe in Detmold, Germany. They indicated that they have been spoiled by the good weather and hospitality they have enjoyed in Florida. As always, the fall semester seemed too short for them and they have regrets about returning home so soon. Plans are now being made for our students to visit Germany in the coming May.

## Guest Lecturers ——

BCN 1102 - Introduction to Building Construction
Matt Webster, Charles Perry Construction
Christine Beaudoin, Kiewit
Jason McMaster, Kiewit
Joseph Arien, Kiewit
Joe Kennedy, Kiewit
Kurt Morauer, Banner Mobile Training Center

BCN 3027C - Intoduction to Construction Management Philip Rickman, Rickman Partnership, Inc.

BCN 3700 - Construction Contracts
Chris Cobb, Tritt & Henderson P.A.
Ray Robinson, Robinson & Associates P.A.

BCN 4023 - Creating Affordable Housing
Adam Bolton, Robinshore
Dr. Pierce Jones, IFAS Prgrm for Resource Efficient Commun.
Ronald Gaines, Simpson Strongtie, Inc.
Michael McCormick, Aercon Florida
Barry Rutenberg, Rutenberg Homes, FL HBA Past President
Bob Beisel, NuDura Insulated Concrete Forms

BCN 4423 - Temporary Structures
Robert Pavel, Gate Precast Company
Brian Griffis, Gate Precast Company
Glen Switzer, Gate Precast Company
Brian Needham, Cornerstone Construction Services
Joerg Rudolph, PERI Formwork Systems, Inc.
Justin Thomas, PERI Formwork Systems, Inc.
Peter Scott, PERI Formwork Systems, Inc.

BCN 4510 - Mechanical Systems Tony Chaves, Tharp Plumbing Duane Ollet, Tharp Plumbing Jim Tharp, Tharp Plumbing Rob Boyer, Fair Mechanical Eric Lindquist, Brasfield & Gorrie

BCN 4612 - Estimating II Charles Norville, Fluor

BCN 4712 - Leadership & Management in Construction Pete Pace, Clancy & Theys Ray Southern, Balfour Beatty Louyse Poirier, Balfour Beatty

BCN 6748 - Construction Law Robert E. Doan, Fisher, Butts, Sechrest & Warner, P.A. Robert Lash, Moody, Salzman & Lash



Photo on right - left to right): Joey Mandese (BCN 1991), Tim Becker (Real Estate), Wayne Archer (Real Estate), Jim Izzo (Real Estate), Dr. Rick Smailes and Jared Vincent (BCN 2008) are judges for BCN 4787C - Construction



Capstone projects.

(left) Richard Wagner (BCN 1972) of Joyner Construction, Inc. speaks to Dr. Brisbane Browns's class BCN 5705C - Construction Project Management



(left) Gray Huggins (BCN 1976) of NDC Construction Management stands with Dr. Brisbane Browns before speaking to the CMAA club.

## Field Trips



BCN students take a field trip to Hough Hall and get a tour from James Marini of Ajax Building Corp.

James Marini (BCN 2007), Assistant Project Manager for Ajax Building Corporation invited the Comprehensive Estimating graduate class to visit the UF Hough Hall project. The visit took place on October 28, 2009 and Tom Crow, Sr. Project Manager for Ajax provided a comprehensive tour of the building and highlighted the interesting features of the project. The Graduate Studies Building - William R. Hough Hall project consists of the construction of an approximately 58,000 square foot classroom building for the Warrington College of Business Administration.



This building will be a student-oriented building designed to meet the needs of demanding professional programs, some of which are taught on weekends. The design includes comfortable and technologically advanced spaces which will promote both individual and team-oriented discussion, research, and interaction.

During the visit, students were able to observe interior wall rough-in and framing inspection, drywall installation, finishing, priming and painting that were ongoing throughout the building. Curtain wall installation and ceiling grid installation were complete on the west end of the 2nd and 3rd levels and was ongoing on the east end of the 2nd and 3rd levels. Brick and stone work was ongoing on the exterior of the building.

Special thanks go to James Marini and Tom Crow for coordinating the field trip and proving a guided tour of the project.

## **Student Organizations**

## Construction Management Association of America (CMAA)

The Student Chapter of the Construction Management Association of America went to the three-day national convention for CMAA in Orlando, FL to attend BIM, Green Building Seminars and Management Seminars.



The student club chose "Adopt-A-Road" as their community service project for the next two years. They will provide at least six clean ups of 34th Street in Gainesville, FL.

Over thirteen of the CMAA students made a site visit to the Amway Orlando Events Center that is being built by Hunt Construction Group. After the students passed the safety inspection they were given a summary of the project, reviewed plans, toured the



CMAA student club tours the Amway Orlando Events Center with Professor Mike Cook.

'bowl' area, mechanical areas, suites and administrative offices. The students compiled their thoughts and sent a summary of the experience to the faculty advisor. They were amazed at the logistics that go into site utilization and the project schedule. They expressed their appreciation to Hunt Construction Group for allowing them this site visit.

## National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC)

The National Association of Women in Construction UF Chapter was established in 2001. The key goals of the organization are networking, community involvement, hosting guest speakers and workshops, assistance with job placement, and to educate and familiarize members with the construction industry. The ladies of NAWIC participated in many fun events during the 2009 school year. In the spring, the ladies took a tour of the Charles R. Perry Construction Institute at Santa Fe College, followed by a golfing trip to West End Golf Course. Dr. Muszynski and Dr. Issa gave the ladies some pointers and helped the first time golfers master some basics. For the spring meetings, NAWIC brought in guest speakers including Cathy Cavins, President of Focal Point Construction Services, and Melisa Miller, Executive Director of Rebuilding Together North Central Florida. The ladies celebrated the end of the year with a social dinner party and awards at Dr. Issa's house on April 21st. During the fall semester, guest speakers included Camielle Borden, President of C.C. Borden Construction and Betsy Markham and Eric Lindquist from Brasfield and Gorrie. For the Vanderbilt game on December 7th, NAWIC helped host the BCN tailgate and raised money for Women Build by auctioning off a gator golf bag. In December, the ladies worked with the Gainesville professional NAWIC in volunteering for Extreme Makeover: Home Edition taking place in Gainesville.



Back row, left to right: Kelly McLaughlin, Sharon Neff, Allison Stanley, Dana Shaut, Camille Borden-guest speaker, Stephanie Flores, Rachael McKercher, Catherine Woodworth, Julie Powell. Front row, left to right: Stacy Meyers



NAWIC Students at Vanderbilt Tailgate (left to right): Stephanie Flores, Courtney Zurich, Rachael McKercher, Stacy Meyers, Allison Stanley, and Kelly McLaughlin

## **Student Organizations -**

#### Building Construction College Council (BCNCC)

BCNCC is the Umbrella Group for the Rinker School's organizations as well as the representative to the University of Florida for the Rinker School. The College Council was very active this semester with organizing the tailgate that was held before the Vanderbilt game on November 7th, coordination of the 2009 Homecoming Float, and coordination of the block seating for the current BCN

students for the 2009 football season. The College Council coordinated the BCN Intramural Sports teams and solicited money from the UF Student Government and UF College Council Board for club activities and competition teams. This year the council has a member of the executive board on the University of Florida College Council Board as well.

#### Sigma Lambda Chi (SLX)

Sigma Lambda Chi is the construction honor society at Rinker School dedicated to service and leadership. Membership is limited to the top 20 percent of both the undergraduate and graduate programs. The chapter currently has over 60 active members and initiated one of their largest classes this past semester. This semester's activities included two service projects with Rebuilding Together North Central Florida, constructing the Rinker Homecoming float, and hosting a football tailgate for students, faculty, and alumni.



The Fall 2009 class of SLX Initiates

#### Associated Builders & Contractors (ABC)

The UF student chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors had an excellent fall 2009 semester.

Louie Wise III from Base-3 in Ocala, FL spoke in September. He gave an overview of the key principles that the Associated Builders and Contractors is founded upon. As a successful business owner and previous BCN graduate, he offered guidance to the members and explained what they can do to set themselves apart from the crowd as they prepared for the career fair.

Travis Bennett and Brian Troutman from TIC, The Industrial Company, hosted the October meeting at The Swamp Restaurant. After a meet and greet, TIC gave a presentation explaining the opportunities available within the industrial construction market and how it

differs from commercial sector. It was an enjoyable time for all and a pleasure to have TIC host this event.

UF-ABC was privileged to have Jed Dean, Joe Ostrowski, and David Letlow from Skanska be a part of our November meeting. Pre-Construction is normally viewed by students to be involved with only the acquisition process of a construction project. They explained how the preconstruction office works during acquisition phase and also assists during the construction phase.

UF-ABC is looking forward to hosting the annual Student/Contractor Golf Tournament in late February. Be on the look out for participation information. UF-ABC is always looking for fresh voices to speak at monthly meetings. If interested, please contact Michael Cook, zekecook@ufl.edu.

#### U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)

This year, four students from the University of Florida attended Greenbuild in Phoenix, Arizona. The conference included hundreds of classes that attendees could take dealing with the green built environment as well as an expo with companies marketing green. Keynote speakers at the event included Al Gore and Sheryl Crow as well as numerous politicians and notable members of the built community. Almost 20,000 architects, interior designers, contractors, engineers, developers, students, and other members of the Building Community attended the four-day event. We were proud to represent the University of Florida!



Stefan Bird, Brett Smith, Alyce Anderson and Caitlyn Aydt show their Gator pride at the Greenbuild Conference in Phoenix.

## **Student Competition Teams**

#### **Design-Build Competition Team**

During October, the Design-Build Competition Team traveled to Jacksonville for the annual ASC/AGC Region II Competition. The weeks leading up to the competition consisted of hard work and long hours of preparation to submit a professional qualifications package. The competition project was sponsored by Stellar and included a 50,000 SF LEED Platinum training/media center facility and a 10,000 SF LEED Gold Retreat Center.



Team Members: (L-R) Jake Landreneau, Daniel Somerville, Chris Anderson, Matt Boeggeman, Angelika Zych, Brett Trudeau, Catherine Woodworth, and Alex Motola.



The team was comprised of six BCN students that delivered a complete design-build proposal and presentation. Design Manager Catherine Woodworth and Design Systems Coordinator Matt Boeggeman wowed the judges with their 4D designs and renderings created in Revit & Navisworks. On the construction end, Vice President of Preconstruction Daniel Somerville and General Superintendent Brett Trudeau worked diligently on establishing a fast-track delivery schedule, GMP, and video site utilization plan. Vice President of Operations Chris Anderson was instrumental in achieving LEED Platinum status on the project. Captain Angelika Zych served as President and was responsible for compiling the team's efforts. The team's shadows Jake Landreneau and Alex Motola were invaluable in helping the team prepare in the days leading up to the competition. Dr. Doug Lucas was the faculty advisor for the team.

Everyone's dedication paid off and the team brought home a 1st Place win and \$2,500 check. The team would like to thank **The Haskell Company** who sponsored the Design-Build Team and **Tim Good and Todd Russell of Haskell** who provided their time and experience in critiquing the team in a pre-competition presentation at Haskell's Jacksonville facility.

#### Construction Management Team

The Rinker School participated in a Construction Management Competition in Jacksonville, FL in October. The team coach was Professor Michael Cook. Each member played a fictitious role in a bid process that required the team to review plans and come up with an estimate, schedule, safety plan, and QA/QC process. The team took the following roles: Marisa McGough- President/CEO, Carlos Lorenzo- Project Manager, Nick Herring- Superintendent, RayC Southern- Preconstruction Manager, Omar Benyounes- Environmental Health and Safety Director, and Brando Fetzek-Field Engineer (in charge of QA/QC). Nathan Coker and Scott Foss-Kilburn were chosen to be shadows for the competition. Their duties were to help the team in research, preparation, and nutritional procurement. After being "locked" in a room for 12 straight hours preparing their bid and spending the next 24 hours preparing for the presentation, the tired but excited Gator team finally saw the fruits of their labor as they took first place! They were awarded trophies and a check for \$1,200. The team spent about 6 weeks preparing for the competition with help from their sponsor- Balfour Beatty Construction.



Team Members: (L-R)
Ray C. Southern,
Scott Foss-Kilburn,
Nick Herring, Omar
Benyounes, Brando
Fetzek, Carlos Lorenzo, Marisa McGough,
and Nathan Coker.



"Without Balfour Beatty's support and expertise in the construction field, we would not have been able to obtain such a prestigious position in such a competitive region as Region 2" said Carlos Lorenzo. In addition to helping financially, Balfour Beatty graciously sent a team to advise the students in various aspects of the competition. The team included experts in project management, business, scheduling, safety, logistics, and presentation/body language.

#### **Heavy-Civil Competition Team**

This fall the University of Florida competed in the ASC/AGC Region II Heavy/Civil competition for the third time. Although the team did not reach all of its goals, they managed to receive an award for the best overall presentation. Virginia Tech bested the Gators by taking 1st place for the second year in a row, and close on their heels was Clemson University with a 2nd place finish. "We had a good showing, but time ran out on us." Captain Ryan Dehahn recounted. A special thanks to **Kiewit Southern Co.** for sponsoring the entire competition as well as the Heavy/Civil category and **David Nelson Construction Company** for sponsoring our team. The Gators are returning 1 team member and 2 shadows next year and predict another competitive outing.

The faculty advisor for this competition team was Dr. R.E. Minchin and a special thanks to graduate student Russel Dingman for aiding the team throughout the semester.



Team Members: (L-R) Austin Streit, Ryan DeHahn, Avery Force, Joseph Gaglianello, Reid McCullough, Eric Kleinzweig. Not Pictured: Kirk Austin, Eddie Berry, Dana N. Shaut

## Rebuilding Together North Central Florida-

By: Melisa L. Miller, Executive Director, Rebuilding Together North Central Florida. BCN Grad 2005



A wise woman once told me: "To be happy and meaningful, look for the place where your gifts and talents intersect the needs of the world- then go and do that with your life."

That simple statement set me on a path that eventually led to me becoming a graduate of the M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Building Construction in May of 2005. It didn't take me long to realize that I have a passion for construction, and that there is an incredible need

for adequate housing in this world. It has always been my goal to use what I have learned at BCN to help those in need.

While in high school and college, my quest to combat inadequate housing took me to many far-off places. I worked in orphanages in Peru and Mexico, helped shelter the homeless in Philadelphia, and repaired homes for those in need in the Appalachian Mountains. However, every time I returned to Gainesville, my eyes were opened to the need in our own community.

According to a study by the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at UF, there are an estimated 7,500 substandard homes in Alachua County. <sup>1</sup> When I first heard that statistic, I felt compelled to do something about it. In 1998, I started a non-profit organization with a group of friends that coordinated volunteers to repair homes for those in need. The organization was "Rebuild Gainesville," and we focused on building handicap ramps and repairing leaking roofs. After meeting more and more families in need, we chose to affiliate with a national organization, Rebuilding Together, in 2008 to be able to provide additional services. Rebuilding Together is the nation's largest non-profit addressing home repair for those in need. This year, more than 10,000 homes and community centers throughout the nation will be repaired through the efforts of Rebuilding Together.



In our first full year of operation, 11 home repair projects were completed in the Gainesville area. Now, we have completed repairs and energy improvement projects in over 300 homes, and have hosted over 1,400 volunteers with nearly 15,000 hours of service. Our volunteers repair foundations, chimneys, and everything in between! Rinker students have been a part of our growth beginning with my brother, and founding Rebuild Gainesville member, Brice Miller (BCN alumnus '01, '02) and with retired professor, Dr. Wetherington's community service requirement. Current J1's volunteer on our project sites every semester. These students are learning basic construction and management skills while helping to "Preserve Affordable Homeownership" for those in need.

My challenge to BCN students and alumni is to find the place where your gifts and talents intersect the needs of the world, and begin to make a difference! What an amazing opportunity you have to be able to use your unique skills and experience to do business differently. To do construction, not just for profit, but because you can fulfill the basic human need of shelter.

If you are interested in getting involved or, would like to learn more about the efforts of Rebuilding Together, please visit our website at: www.RebuildingTogetherNCF.org. Special thanks to Dr. Wetherington and Dr. Sullivan for their endless support of Rebuilding Together and for their dedication to volunteerism.

(1) "A GIS Decision Model for Detecting Substandard Housing in Alachua County, Florida", 2003; Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Florida- Paul D. Zwick, PhD and Juna Papajorgji







## **Centers Update**

**Shimberg Center for Housing Studies** 

The Shimberg Center for Housing Studies has been awarded a \$39,000 contract to develop a program data reporting system for the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (Florida Housing). Florida Housing provides financing to multifamily properties that provide affordable rental housing to low-income families, seniors, and people with disabilities. The data system will track changes over time in occupancy, rents, and tenant characteristics in properties receiving Florida Housing financing. Florida Housing has supported the Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse, produced by the Shimberg Center, since its inception in 2000. The Clearinghouse provides public access to data on housing supply and demand in Florida's cities and counties at its website, http://flhousingdata.shimberg.ufl.edu. "This project aligns data needs of both the Clearinghouse and Florida Housing, giving us powerful insights into a large dataset," said Jim Martinez, software systems architect at the Shimberg Center. "We're pleased to enter this new phase of our longtime part-



Bill O'Dell Associate Director



Diep Nguyen Computer Coordinator

nership with Florida Housing." Mr. Martinez and Diep Nguyen, the center's Database Manager, will oversee development of the new system.

The Shimberg Center for Housing Studies is also pleased to announce that Bank of America has awarded the center a \$155,000 gift through the UF Foundation. The center will use the funding to create a neighborhood-level housing data system for the state of Florida.

Anne Ray was recently named the new Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse manager in the Shimberg Center for Housing Studies. The Clearinghouse provides a single starting point for free, publicly available housing data and related information for Florida.

"We have exciting projects going along with the Florida Housing Finance Corporation and the Florida Housing Coalition," Ray said. "Our three organizations received a \$1 million grant from the Mac-



Anne Ray

Arthur Foundation to promote the preservation of affordable multifamily housing."

"It's a great opportunity," Ray said. "I'm very pleased to be in this new position."

#### Shimberg Center for Housing Studies Director Search

SCHS was established at the University of Florida in 1988 to promote safe, decent and affordable housing and related community development throughout the state of Florida. The Center conducts research relating to the problems and solutions associated with the availability of affordable housing in the state.

In the past several years, the work of SCHS has focused on three areas: comprehensive affordable housing data, community (housing) development, and housing technology. A primary focus is the Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse, which provides public access to comprehensive data on Florida's housing needs and supply, subsidized rental housing, household demographics, and population projections. Candidates are encouraged to view the three websites that SCHS maintains: the SCHS general site (http://www.shimberg.ufl.edu), the Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse (http://flhousingdata.shimberg.ufl.edu), and the SCHS site on research and data regarding assisted rental housing preservation (http://preservation.shimberg.ufl.edu).

The Director is responsible for managing research and service which are focused upon problems and solutions associated with the availability of affordable housing in the state of Florida, and disseminating the results of such research to appropriate public and private audiences in the state and throughout the nation.

Specifically, the director will work with the associate director to:

- •Continue and expand current initiatives including the Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse, ongoing applied research, and academic programs
- •Develop new research initiatives and secure external funding
- •Develop and teach courses in the Building Construction program residential track
- •Secure financial sponsorship to support SCHS programs and operations through ongoing fundraising from a variety of public, private, and philanthropic sources
- •Direct strategic, tactical, and operational aspects of SCHS
- •Provide service to the state and to a diverse group of stakeholders, including state agencies and policymakers, local governments, non-profit housing agencies, and the general public
- •Encourage partnerships and cooperation with other elements of the University, other research institutions, public and private agencies, corporations, and community-based groups.

The position will be filled at the rank of Associate Professor or Professor in the Rinker School of Building Construction, tenure upon hire negotiable based upon experience. Applicants must demonstrate academic credentials and experience appropriate to the academic rank and ability to assume leadership in research, teaching and service congruent with the mission of SCHS. A doctoral degree and distinguished record of research and scholarly activities are required. Familiarity with state and national housing programs and policies and facility in the use of housing and demographic data in policy research are essential. Successful experience in a university research environment is strongly desirable.

Applicants must provide a curriculum vita, a letter of introduction and interest, a description of the applicant's research area(s) of interest, and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of five professional references. All applicants should apply at https://jobs.ufl.edu using requisition number 0803413. Review of applications will begin January 18, 2010 and will continue until a suitable applicant pool has been identified. The selection process will be conducted under provisions of Florida's "Government in Sunshine" and public record laws. The University of Florida is an equal opportunity institution dedicated to building a broadly diverse and inclusive faculty and staff. We highly encourage applications from women, minorities, and persons with disabilities. Further information is available at http://www.ufl.edu.

## **Centers Update -**

#### Fluor Program for Construction Safety

Safety research in construction is a key emphasis area for the Fluor Program. One research project that is nearing completion has to do with incorporating warning devices into construction operations to prevent workers from being struck by heavy equipment. A project that is just beginning is an OSHA Harwood grant that will provide training throughout the United States on the ANSI Z10 Occupational Health and Safety Management System. Several other proposals have been submitted, but their outcome is not yet known.

As part of our educational process, we try to keep in close touch with the industry practices. In the area of safety, we do this by bringing in speakers from industry who can give our students the real-world perspective on how safety is practiced in the field. This fall we had several speakers on campus to share their views on safety. These included Sam Thurman (CRS Washington Group), Scott Mims (TIC), Chris Diaz (Bovis Lend Lease), Ryan Little (Bovis Lend Lease) and Charles Johnson (Turner Construction).



#### Powell Center for Construction & Environment.

The Cotton Club, a former African-American music hall located on SE 7th Avenue in Gainesville, is being restored under the supervision of the Powell Center for Construction and Environment. The Powell Center has been responsible for the fundraising, design, and construction of the Cotton Club and several other historic buildings on the site. Dr. Charles Kibert serves on the Board of Directors of the Cotton Club Museum and Cultural Center, Inc. (CCMCC), a non-profit established for the purpose of overseeing the fundraising, reconstruction, and business plan for the Cotton Club. The project involves the main Cotton Club building, the Perryman Grocery Store, and several shotgun houses, all of which will be restored, along with the site, to create an active and vibrant center for the neighborhood and a tourist asset for Gainesville. A bathroom building will also be built adjacent to the Cotton Club to provide facilities for major events. The overall budget for the project is about \$2.1 million and thusfar about onethird of the money needed to complete the project has been raised. The main Cotton Club building has a rebuilt foundation; the siding, doors, and windows have been replaced; the metal roof has been demolished and replaced; the interior subflooring of the 5,000 square foot building has been replaced; the exterior has been repainted and is about to be caulked; and stairways to the entrances have been built. Funding to-date has come from the Florida State Board of Historical Preservation, the Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency, The Pantry, Inc., and from various fundraising events. Perry Roofing Company in Gainesville provided the labor to install the roof. Rick Fobair, a contractor and Ph.D. student, is the Project Manager for the project and has been working with the CCMCC board, the City of Gainesville, and the University of Florida to organize the work effort that is involved in this project. The next phase of the project will be the construction of the bathroom building, the sitework, and the completion of the main Cotton Club building.

# Solar Decathalon at UF: A Year Later

A little over a year has passed since the UF Solar Decathlon team had their proposal accepted to become one of two

cepted to become one of two U.S. teams competing in Solar Decathlon Europe in Madrid, Spain in June 2010.

Construction is underway. The steel frame, fabricated and donated by the Haskell Company, Jacksonville, FL. was delivered in early December and BCN student Jason Parker has been leading the assembly of the frame. Creating a 797-square-foot sustainable home hasn't always been an easy task; the team was tackling problems right from the beginning.



Dereck Winning, architecture doctoral student, Chris Sorce, dual-masters student in both architecture and building construction, and Dr. Robert Ries.



The team is currently working

on completing the acquisition of materials, construction, fundraising, planning and logistics for shipping the house to Spain for the competition, and branding. The doors and windows have been ordered and students are testing the solar panels for efficiency.

Rachel Compton, a BCN graduate student, is one of the students working on the interior design plans. She is also a part of the communications committee working on branding. Compton said that she finds the project worthwhile because she's very interested in the type of house they are building, and is also very concerned with sustainability. She began working on the project when she was still an undergraduate student. "I started with the second charrette, in December 2008," she said. "I think we've all really taken ownership of it and want to see it come together and see it work."

#### Special Thanks to Solar Decathalon Sponsors

Brandon Construction Company
Charles Perry Construction
Clancy & Theys Construction
Clark Construction Group
Current Builders
Florida Power & Light
Haskell Company
Hedrick Brothers Construction
Moss & Associates
PPI Construction Management
Rinker Endowment Fund
Witters Competition Endowment

Anyone interested in contributing to the Solar Decathalon, please contact Lynne Capece at (352) 392-4836 x114.

## **Faculty & Staff News**

**Dr. Edward Minchin** recently had one paper published and another paper accepted for publication by arguably the top construction research journal in the world, the ASCE Journal of Construction Engineering and Management, published monthly by the American Society of Civil Engineers. Dr. Minchin's paper entitled "Owners Respond: Preferences for Task Performance, Delivery Systems and Quality Management" was accepted for publication and his paper entitled "The Fall and Rise of the Largest CM-at-Risk



Transportation Construction Project Ever," was published in the journal in September (Volume 135, No. 9, pp. 401-410).

Dr. Edward Minchin recently returned from two trips during which he met with government and industry officials regarding the problem of counterfeit materials and products in the construction industry. The two trips took him to Houston and to New York City, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC. Highlights from Washington, DC were interviews with the International Anti-Counterfeiting Association, US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the US Chamber of Commerce, the US Department of Transportation, the French Embassy, the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA), the Heritage Foundation, former Senator Bob Graham (Chair of the President's Commission on Weapons of Mass Destruction), the Chief Counsel of the US House Judiciary Committee, the State Department, and the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM). In the other cities, Dr. Minchin interviewed officials from Shell Oil, Tenaris, Bechtel, Jacobs, Fluor, Shaw Energy, Aker Solutions, H&M International Transportation, Inc. (a large US Customs Warehouse), Nooter Construction, and Sunoco. All interviews were conducted in September and October in the offices of those interviewed, and lasted about 90 minutes each. The research is sponsored by the Construction Industry Institute.

Dr. R. Raymond Issa, was elected this past August, a Fellow of

the American Society of Civil Engineers. Raymond first joined the ASCE as a student member in 1974. Upon graduation he joined as an associate member and in 1981 he became a full member. He has served ASCE in various capacities on the Technical Council on Computing and Information Technology (TCCIT) Education and subsequently Intelligent Computing Committees (Secretary, Vice Chair and Chair from 1993 until 2005). In 2005 he joined the TCCIT executive Committee where he has served as secretary, vice-chair and currently is serving



as Chair. In addition since 2007 he has been an ASCE representative on US Joint NSPE/ASCE/ASME Task Force on UPADI (Pan American Association of Engineering Societies). Raymond is also a Member of the ASCE Global Center on Computing.

#### **BCN Faculty Search**

The University of Florida's M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Building Construction invites applications for two faculty positions beginning Fall 2010:

<u>Professor with expertise in Low/Net Zero Energy Buildings</u>

Candidates for this position will have specific expertise in low and net zero energy building construction and alternative/renewable energy systems. The successful candidate will enhance the School's internationally recognized sustainable construction program. The individual hired for this position will have a role in developing new courses related to low and net zero energy construction in both the undergraduate and graduate programs. The position will be filled as a tenure track assistant professor level with exceptional candidates considered for a tenure track associate professor or a tenured full professor.

The William G. Lassiter and Aneice R. Lassiter Professorship in Building Construction

The individual hired for this position can be hired as an assistant professor (tenure-track) or as a lecturer (non-tenure track). An individual hired on the tenure track will be expected to develop a funded research program. An individual hired as a lecturer will primarily teach and provide service to the School.

Applicants should have an earned doctorate in a construction-related field. Exceptionally well-qualified candidates with a Masters degree will be considered for a Lecturer position. Preferred credentials of candidates for each position include at least five years of construction industry experience and the capability of teaching university-level courses in at least two of the following areas: Construction Finance and Management; Electrical Systems; Cost Analysis; Estimating; Surveying and Facilities Management. Appropriate licensure and professional registration are expected.

Please see the BCN website www.bcn.ufl.edu for the full position announcements.

## Faculty & Staff News



**Dr. Robert Ries** was selected as the college of Design, Construction and Planning International Educator of the Year among junior faculty. This award recognizes the exceptional international endeavors of Dr. Ries. During his time at the Rinker School, he has had major accomplishments as an "international educator." Currently, Dr. Ries is leading the UF Solar Decathlon team of faculty and students as they prepare for this

international competition. The team is designing and building an 800 square-foot, solar-powered home. They will be building the house in front of the palace in Madrid, Spain in June 2010. One of Dr. Ries's student, Lanka Thabrew, recently completed her Ph.D. dissertation research on post-tsunami housing construction on Sri Lanka focused on developing life cycle decision framework for multi stakeholder contexts. The principal challenge addressed by this research is to improve collaborative decision-making with both non-expert and experts in a transdisciplinary planning environment. This should make it possible for stakeholders to incorporate environmental decision-making into their community-centered decision making process, while enabling a sound scientific analysis of the environmental issues at local, regional and global scales. These are two examples of Dr. Ries's commitment to and focus on international research and education. He is extremely deserving of this acknowledgment.

## Congratulations



BCN staff members receiving their 20 year pin. Left to right: Patty Barritt, Dr. Abdol Chini, Dean Chris Silver, and Linda Stanley.



It has been over 20 years for these two wonderful staff members, **Patty Barritt** and **Linda Stanley** working at the Rinker School.

Patty joined the BCN program in 1988 as an assistant to Dr. Brown for the Building Construction Industry Advisory Committee. She has now served as the Office Manager since 2003.

Linda joined the BCN staff in 1988 and has worked for the Center for Housing Studies the entire time.

Over the years, these ladies have provided a consistent and harmonious work environment that is enjoyed by all of the faculty and staff. It is quite an amazing occurrence for staff to remain at a department for this length of time. It is obviously a wonderful place to work.

Congratulations ladies!!

## **Fond Farewell**

**Dr. Kevin Grosskopf** decided to take on the challenges of a new university and in August 2009 he was hired as an Associate Professor in the Department of Construction Management at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Kevin received his MSBC degree from UF in 1993 and was also the recipient of a doctoral degree in 1998. He was hired as a tenure track faculty in 2002 and was promoted to Associate Professor in May 2009. Kevin was considered to be an excellent



teacher and received the Teacher of the semester award from BCN students numerous times and was also named the Teacher of the Year by the College of Design Construction and Planning. He was also an adept and accomplished researcher and received numerous funded research contracts to pursue a wide variety of construction related topics. He founded the Center for Collective Protection and it became well known through his efforts as a research organization that explored how to design and build buildings that are able to withstand both natural and human-induced disasters. We wish Kevin, his wife, Tammy, and their daughter Isabella, the best of luck in Nebraska and much success in their endeavors.

**Dr. Robert Stroh** officially retired on December 31, 2009 after more than 20 years of service to the M.E. Rinker, Sr., School of Building Construction. Dr. Stroh came to UF in 1989 as the first director of the Shimberg Center and for the last 20 years has led the Center conducting research relating to the problems and solutions associated with the availability of affordable housing in the state. The Shimberg Center for Housing Studies was established at the University of Florida in 1988 to promote safe, decent and affordable



housing and related community development throughout the state of Florida. Under Dr. Stroh's leadership, the Shimberg Center is known nationally for its comprehensive affordable housing data, and its research in community development and housing technology. The volume of research completed by the Center for the last 15 years exceeds \$10 million. Dr. Stroh developed the residential track within the BCN curriculum and developed and taught a course in Affordable Housing. Dr. Stroh received the title of Building Construction Emeritus Professor status by a unanimous vote of the BCN faculty on December 18, 2009.

On behalf of the BCN faculty, staff, and students we would like to thank Bob for 20 years of meritorious service to the School, College and the University of Florida. Prior to joining UF, Bob served 10 years as director of the Special Studies division of the NAHB Research Center in Upper Marlboro, MD. The NAHB Research Center is the research arm of the National Association of Home Builders.

## The Charles R. Perry Construction Yard - Craft Awareness ———

Dr. Jim Sullivan and Dr. Leon Wetherington have continued to utilize the Perry Yard to help demonstrate quality construction practices. The fall semester the program benefitted from support from various individuals, construction firms, and material suppliers to showcase the proper means to place work. In addition to ongoing contributions from Masonry Association of Florida (MAF), the Brick Industry Association, and Haskell Construction the students had the benefit of getting input and direction from the Cemex Group. Ms. Amanda Hult and Mr. Jeremy Howard of Cemex provided insights to pervious concrete procedures as well as batch

plant operation and order delivery executions. Cemex also played a big part in the CMU lab sponsored by the MAF, Painter Masonry, and Allen Spear Construction. This fall's lab consisted of precast lintels with vertical reinforcement being provided so student groups could experience building a block wall. Mr. Kurt Morauer from the Banner Center brought the Banner Mobile Training Center to campus to discuss craft skills training programs throughout the state. Dr. Edward Minchin invited Kiewit to demonstrate activities with heavy equipment.













## **Advisory Council**

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The M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Building Construction is honored to have an active Advisory Council whose members, both individual and corporate, serve as an important source of advice and support for the School. Advisory Council is an opportunity for you and your company to form a strong liaison with the School. In this way, we can be assured that our program is current and meets the ever-changing needs of the construction industry. We hope you will consider becoming a member of the Advisory Council for the M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Building Construction.

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