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### Upcoming Alumni Events....

- February 12 Central Florida BCN Alumni Clay Shoot
- February 13 West Palm Beach BCN Alumni Clay Shoot
- February 16 Rinker Career Fair
- March 31 Tampa BCN Alumni Club Golf Tournament
- April 21 Central Florida BCN Alumni Golf Tournament
- May TBD Miami/Ft. Lauderdale BCN Alumni Fishing Tournament
- October 18 Atlanta BCN Alumni Golf Tournament
- October 28 Jacksonville BCN Alumni Golf Tournament

# A Message From ...

## Dr. Christopher Silver, Dean



Long before devices such as odometers or GPS, there was a traditional practice from the 1800s of using stones along roadways to mark distances traveled, hence the “milestone.” The term milestone has evolved to connote an action or event that identifies some significant change, stage of development or transition. At UF and in DCP, this year has been replete with “milestones.” In the first week of December, the UF community gathered to celebrate the inauguration of UF’s 12th president, Dr. W. Kent Fuchs. The former

Provost from Ivy League and land grant Cornell University clearly indicated in his inaugural address the profound respect he has for the traditions of UF. But he also articulated a new vision, one emphasizing greater global engagement, a more diverse student body, and attracting and retaining even more distinguished faculty, all designed to elevate the university into the ranks of the top 10 (dare he say top 5) public universities. The vision plan being crafted by an appointed team of faculty and administrators, will serve as the roadmap to guide UF to that next stage of its development. President Fuchs appointment clearly is a campus-level milestone.

The term also applies equally well to happenings in our College and in the Rinker School. In case you missed the flood of email and newsletter stories, DCP is celebrating the 90th anniversary since it began as the School of Architecture in 1925. When we examine the history of how the School developed into the today’s multi-disciplinary college focusing on all aspects of the built environment, the vision of the founding director, architect Rudolph Weaver, is paramount. Weaver insisted that if he came here as director, it must be for an independent School of Architecture. It was also Weaver who advocated through courses and curricula all of the main components of the future college, including not just architecture, but also building construction (which started in 1935), landscape architecture which started in 1933 (taken from agriculture), course on designing interiors, and even city planning all of which he insisted his design students should understand as part of their preparation for practice. Of course, this year has involved celebrating the Rinker School’s 80th anniversary, but also quite importantly commemorating the contributions of Herman Block, who joined the School of Architecture and Allied Arts in 1949. He was inducted posthumously in the School’s Construction Hall of Fame in recognition of his role in shaping the modern program and the professional credentialing of contractors in Florida.

The other milestone to report upon is the impending change in the administrative leadership of the College. This marks my tenth, and final, year as Dean of DCP. The university administration has assembled an esteemed search committee, including strong representation from the Rinker School, to conduct a national search for my replacement. For me, it is a milestone year, marking the closing of 23 years of academic administration at three different universities. To continue the community consulting started under the Florida Resilient Communities Initiative, continue our international engagements in Southeast Asia, especially in Singapore and in Indonesia where I have researched, consulted and taught continuously since 1989, and devote time to teaching and research, these are the new challenges that mark my transition back to a faculty role. Most important, I plan to continue to engage as much as I can with the fabulous alumni who I have developed friendships with over the past decade. For those of you in the BCN family that I have gotten to know and work with over the past decade, I thank you sincerely for your support to me and to the School. Thanks for making what might seem to some a tough job, one that has had so many wonderful moments.

## Dr. Robert Ries, Director



The Rinker School has had a very active and accomplished 2015 that builds upon the school’s tradition of leadership. The history and past accomplishments of the Rinker School include a key role in the formation of the accreditation body (the American Council for Construction Education or ACCE) and the accreditation standards for construction programs. Forty years ago, BCN was the first program accredited by ACCE. This past fall, the School was one of three pilot programs for a new set of accreditation standards that are based

not on a prescriptive “What are you teaching?” approach but on what students learn. Assessing what students are learning provides valuable input for refining the curriculum and the continuous improvement of the School. I would like to acknowledge Dr. Abdol Chini for his contributions to developing these new ACCE standards.

The accreditation visit included meeting with students, faculty, staff, alumni, and university administration. EXCOM was represented by David Brandon, Dale Hedrick, John Sofarelli, Wayne Wadsworth, Matt Webster, and Doug Wilcox. The draft report on the School’s accreditation visit was very positive and will be reviewed by the ACCE Board of Trustees at the February ACCE meeting.

Company participation in the spring and fall 2015 Career Fairs reflect the recovering construction industry. One hundred and five companies participated in the spring 2015 Career Fair and one hundred and three participated in the fall. The job and internship market has been strong, which is a great benefit to our students. In fact, the graduating students in the last three semesters have all had 100% job placement before graduation. Students have also had very good success in obtaining internships that enhance their education through the Career Fair.

This past fall, the School’s competition teams performed very well in the Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) southeastern regional competition and the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) national competition. The ASC design-build team placed first, and received a standing ovation along with the perennially successful DB team coach, Dr. E. Douglas Lucas. The ABC Construction Management team placed second nationally, a great accomplishment for team members Matt Cruitt, Matt Johnson, Melissa Morgan, Chris Nichols, and Evan Southern. Sincere thanks to the team sponsors who mentor and financially support the competition teams.

The Rinker School fall 2015 graduating class included 30 undergraduate, 11 masters, and one doctoral student. The fall 2015 incoming class consisted of 34 undergraduate students, 50 masters and 7 doctoral students. Enrollment is currently 251 undergraduates, 92 masters, and 32 doctoral students.

In Spring 2016, the School will be in the midst of a search for three faculty members that can bring their strengths in education and scholarship to the construction management program. Students are busy preparing for the spring competitions and faculty continue to improve the curriculum, publish their research, and write successful grant proposals. In other word, 2016 promises to be an equally active and accomplish year.



# BCN Advisory Council Executive Committee

## A Message From the EXCOM Chair



The Executive Committee (EXCOM) exists to support Rinker's pursuit of our vision to be the preeminent institution for construction education and research. To that end, the EXCOM provides leadership and organization through Rinker alumni and also connectivity to the construction industry in four primary ways 1) Industry Relations – promoting the School within the industry and assisting with student/faculty internships, research programs with industry partners, BCN career fair, BCN regional clubs, and the School's publications; 2) Curriculum – providing continuous review of undergraduate and graduate curricula to foster continual improvement in meeting industry demands; 3) Development and Membership – promoting fund raising and soliciting membership in the Advisory Council, Regional Clubs and the Executive Committee; 4) Student/Faculty Liaison – soliciting feedback on all aspects of the program between faculty and students.

The Rinker School continues to demonstrate the quality and success of our program as our graduates provide significant leadership to many of the finest construction institutions and projects throughout the United States. Demand for Rinker graduates is outpacing the available supply as the construction industry is fortunate to be very busy again enjoying a robust and healthy marketplace. Growth of public funds, however, has not kept pace with the recovery seen within the private sector. Constraints on available funds to the Rinker School have limited or slowed our school's ability to fund many of the improvements Rinker Faculty and the EXCOM together have identified as critical to maximizing the potential of the Rinker program. Private support of the Rinker School is essential to not only fund special projects but as a part of our annual on-going operating expense of our school.

The role and need for industry, alumni and Executive Committee support of the Rinker School continues to increase and evolve. We encourage the financial support and involvement of all our alumni through the BCN Advisory Council and each of our Regional Clubs. Our Regional Clubs are a great way to keep informed and stay involved with the School as well as network socially and professionally with your fellow alumni while providing a very important service to the School. Please reach out to your local club to get involved or contact Kim Stanley about your interest in starting one in your area.



The Advisory Council Executive Committee (EXCOM) met in Orlando on April 24, 2015. New chairman, Wayne Wadsworth, expressed his vision for his term of reviewing the purpose and focus of EXCOM, increased interaction between School faculty and EXCOM members, and furthering existing initiative of the committee. The committee voted on four new members: Stacey Barton (BCN 1991), VP of Haskell; Tom C. Murphy (BCN 1992), Co-President of Coastal Construction; Nick Salce (BCN 1992), Mega-Pursuits Manager of Kiewit Infrastructure South; and Mike Santarone (BCN 1983), President of Stellar. All four new members are graduates of the Rinker School and will bring new perspective to the committee.

April's meeting attendees include: (l-r) Bob Angle, Tom Sheffield, Sid Jordan, John Gooding, Doug Wilcox, Jeff Nelson, David Brandon, Dr. Robert Ries, Wayne Wadsworth, Dale Hedrick, Steve Palmer, John Sofarelli, Dr. Jim Sullivan, Dave Schmit, Sean DeMartino, Tim Good, Rob Springer, Matt Webster. Not pictured: Erik Sharpe and Chip Reid.

On November 5-6th, 2015 the EXCOM Members arrived early for the fall meeting to have feedback sessions with the faculty and then dinner with students. The following day, they met for the regular meeting where they discussed the School's recent Accreditation Visit and Career Fair, fundraising goals, future nominations of new EXCOM members, Strategic Plan for the School, and alumni club reports.

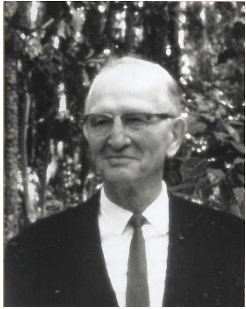


November's meeting attendees include: (l-r) Sid Jordan, Charles Reid, Harley Miller, Tom C. Murphy, Sean DeMartino, Dan Baker, John Sofarelli, Nick Salce, Dr. Robert Ries, Wayne Wadsworth, Dale Hedrick, David Brandon, John McIntyre, Rob Springer, Doug Wilcox, Steve Palmer, Stacey Barton, Tim A. Good, Robert Angle. Not pictured: Mike Santarone, Dr. Jim Sullivan, Domenic Scorpio.

# Construction Hall of Fame

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*The M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Construction Management established the Construction Hall of Fame Award in 1980 to recognize the accomplishments of those distinguished leaders who have made a difference in our industry, the community and the University of Florida throughout their careers in construction. The inductees' names will be displayed on the "Hall of Fame Wall" of the School. We are honored to announce that Herman H. Block (posthumously) and John McIntyre were selected and inducted into the Rinker School's Construction Hall of Fame for 2015 at the Homecoming BBQ.*



## Herman H. Block

Herman H. Block joined the Building Construction Program in the Department of Architecture at the University of Florida to teach building construction courses in 1949. In 1956, he was appointed to organize the Department of Building Construction, which was formed in 1957. Dr. Block headed the Department of Building Construction until his retirement in 1963. During his time

as department head, he developed a nationally recognized construction education program which has been a model for many similar programs established at universities in this country and abroad. Dr. Block also set up a system of competency examinations for contractors known as Block examinations, which were administered by the firm H.H. Block and Associates in Florida and Georgia. Professor Block was also influential in the formation of the Building Officials Association of Florida, which provides education and training for building code officials.

Many Rinker alumni have relayed stories about their relationship with Professor Block and how he had a positive impact on their lives. Building Construction alumni and students honored him by establishing the H.H. Block Construction Education Fund in 1968 in recognition of his contribution to the construction industry and for his role in preparing hundreds of students for careers and positions of leadership in the construction industry. Professor H. H. Block passed away December 19, 1972.

## John McIntyre

John McIntyre graduated from the University of Florida, School of Building Construction in 1984 and his first job was working for E.E. "Gene" Simmons General Contractor, Inc. in Sarasota, FL. In 1987, John co-founded his Company that has been in business 28 years – McIntyre Elwell & Strammer General Contractors, Inc. (ME&S). All of John's business partners are also UF BCN Alumni. ME&S is a Sarasota based commercial building construction company that works primarily in the State of Florida and has also successfully completed construction projects in Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee totaling \$890 million.



ME&S currently employs 14 UF BCN Alumni and consistently places BCN Students every summer working in the internship program. John has also enjoyed returning to UF as a "Professor for a Day." ME&S is committed to community involvement and has contributed to hundreds of not-for-profit and youth organizations during its 28 years in business. John serves as an Emeritus Board Member on the BCN Advisory Council (EXCOM) and also is a Board Member on the SunTrust Bank Advisory Board of the Southwest Florida Region and the Education Foundation of Sarasota County. John has been married to his wife Janet for 38 years. They have two sons – Allen & Ryan and four wonderful grandchildren. Allen is a UF Alumni that works in the Banking Industry and Ryan is a UF BCN Alumni and part owner of ME&S.

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## 2015 Distinguished Alumnus

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**Dale R. Hedrick** (BCN 1980) is the Founder & President of Hedrick Brothers Construction, a privately owned company headquartered in West Palm Beach, FL. A fourth generation general contractor active in Palm Beach County since 1979, Dale has been instrumental in building and maintaining the company's reputation for providing quality craftsmanship, professional project management and conducting business with integrity.

Hedrick Brothers Construction provides general contracting, construction management, design-build and pre-construction services for Commercial, Luxury Residential, Equestrian, Industrial, Municipal, Country Clubs, Education, Worship, Historic Restoration and Sustainable/LEED construction projects in Florida and Georgia. Recent company awards include AIA Florida Builder of the Year 2014, AIA Palm Beach Builder of the Year 2013, and Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches Business of the Year 2014.

Dale's dedication to leadership is demonstrated by serving as President, Board of Directors, Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce; Board of Directors, Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches; Member, Economic Council of Palm Beach County; Member, Board of Trustees, BIZPAC; Member, Palm Beach Advisory Council, World Leaders Group; Member, Palm Beach County Regional Council for the University of Florida Tomorrow Campaign; Executive Committee Member, University of Florida Rinker School of Construction Management Advisory Council; Member, Past Board Member, Business Development Board of Palm Beach County; and Past Board Member and President of the Associated General Contractors (AGC) Florida East Coast Chapter, and Past President of the State Council of the AGC.

Dale R. Hedrick was born and raised in West Palm Beach. In 1980, he graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Building Construction. Dale has been married to Cathleen Burk for 27 years. They reside in West Palm Beach and are members of Family Church, Downtown. They have three sons: Burk graduated from UF BCN in 2013 and UF MSRE in 2014, Parker is graduating from Palm Beach Atlantic University in 2015 with a Bachelors in Business Management, and Cheney has been accepted to UF BCN via Santa Fe College in the fall of 2015.

## Alumni in the news

**Kaufman Lynn Construction** has been selected as one of the South Florida's Top Workplaces for 2015. The Sun Sentinel invited over 900 local businesses and presented the top 45 firms at the inaugural award ceremony.

The Top Workplaces are determined based solely on employee feedback. The employee survey is conducted by Workplace-Dynamics, LLP, a leading research firm on organizational health and employee engagement.

Building on its history of an employee-focused workplace Kaufman Lynn Construction has implemented several programs as part of a larger "Culture of Engagement" initiative, aimed at helping all company employees (referred to as associates) excel in their careers. Specific components of this initiative include a formalized career path, performance alignment, management through mentoring and leadership training. Individualized performance evaluations address both company and personal growth goals, providing associates with a clear understanding of career advancement opportunities and the knowledge, skills and experiences required to take advantage of these opportunities. These initiatives along with a continued focus on building esprit de corps among all associates have helped establish Kaufman Lynn Construction as a top workplace, attracting new and retaining existing top talent.

"I have been building this company for many years, and I am beyond thrilled that the people helping me shape this company feel as passionate about what we are creating as I do. This award just makes it that much more special knowing that all the effort being put forth by my associates is being recognized in this manner," said **Mike Kaufman (BCN 1981), President of Kaufman Lynn Construction.**



(l-r): Brandon Graff, Mike Kaufman, Brandyn Copy, Norm Baker, Alexandra Brown, and Matt Thomas



**Rob Maphis, BCN 1993 - OHL Arellano | OHL Building** is pleased to announce that Rob Maphis has joined their executive team as Vice President of Central Florida. He will manage the company's Central and North Florida projects, office and operations. In his position, Rob's responsibilities include further enhancing the firm's presence in the Orlando area, focusing on Business Development, Pre-construction, Construction, and Post-construction services for a variety of projects

types including healthcare, commercial, institutional, governmental, and private markets.

**Evender Spradlin (BCN 1996)** was featured in the Jacksonville Business Journal (June 19, 2015) on healthcare projects increasing need and boost for construction industry. Evender is Vice President and General Manager of the Jacksonville office for Batson Cook. Batson Cook has seen an increase in the first half of 2015 for healthcare projects



**HGR Construction, Inc.** was awarded the number 12th spot on The Orlando Business Journal's Central Florida's Fast 50: Fastest Growing Companies. This award marks the second time in three years that HGR Construction, Inc. has made it on the list. HGR Construction, Inc. was last ranked 31st in 2013.

Each year The Orlando Business Journal conducts the Fast 50 survey program as a way to recognize publically the growth and success of Central Florida businesses based on percentage change in gross revenue over three years (2014, 2013, and 2012). The companies must be at least 51% privately held and headquartered in Central Florida (Lake, Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties) "To be the #12 ranked recipient in the Orlando Business Journal's 2015 Fast 50 Fastest Growing Companies is a testament to the vision, leadership, and efforts of the entire HGR Construction, Inc. team. Our successful growth over the last three years can be credited to the trust of our clientele, synergy of our associates, and partnership between HGR Construction, Inc. and its vendors. HGR Construction, Inc. thanks the Orlando Business Journal for this recognition and is honored to be a part of the Central Florida Community," said **Carson Brownell (BCN 1997), Sr. Vice President and Partner.** With the successful growth of HGR Construction, Inc., comes many changes that the company and team members are very excited about. With the addition of many office and field team members HGR Construction, Inc., has out grown the Winter Park Home Office and will be moving the home office to a new building in the fourth quarter of the year to better support the clients, associates, and vendors. In addition to outgrowing the Winter Park office, the Charlotte, NC branch also moved into a new office space to better support the clients, associates and vendors in the states handled out of that office.

Power Design named ones of the TOP 100 best workplaces for millennials in the country by Fortune Magazine. Some of our alumni who works with Power Design are: **Brett Trudeau (BCN 2009 & 2010), Dan Somerville (BCN 2009), Dane Gilbert (BCN 2006), Lauren Permuy (BCN 2007), Steven Browning (BCN 2008), Tyler West (BCN 2012) and Justin Dean (BCN 2010).**

Adventure in Building, Inc. of Orlando, Florida has been awarded "Best Of Houzz" for Customer Satisfaction by Houzz, the leading platform for home remodeling and design. The family owned construction consulting firm, since 1990 was chosen by the more than 25 million monthly unique users that comprise the Houzz community from among more than 500,000 active home building, remodeling and design industry professionals. **Monarcha Marcet (BCN 1981)**

# Alumni working together



**Walter Crawford (BCN 1989), Principal and David Orr (BCN 2002), Senior Project Manager, of Heatherwood Construction Company** completed the Environmental Planning Center in Naples for the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. The 3 story office and laboratory building is pending a Platinum LEED Certification.



Cole Springer (BCN 2014), Braxton Skinner (BCN 2014), Kevin Littlejohn (BCN 2009), Michael Young (BCN 1997), Jeremy Voss (BCN 2003), Michael Chatham (BCN 1983)

The OCCC Phase II West Building Renovation is considered a Level 2 Alteration by the Florida Building Code. This nearly 500,000 sq. ft. project, designed by Helman Hurley Charvat Peacock/Architects, Inc., is home to many Gators on all levels of management, including Michael Chatham, president of HHCP and leader of the design team. The project team was tasked with tracking nearly \$100,000 a day, and our collaborative efforts have allowed us to overcome obstacles, resulting in a successful project and an effective team. Consistent organization from Gators such as Michael Young, president of ACY Contractors, has contributed to the exceptional quality of our product. Gators such as Jeremy Voss (PCL) and Rob Springer (Springer Peterson) have taken the time to mentor some of the recent and soon-to-be graduates on the project, mirroring the supportive environment that makes the Rinker School of Construction Management such a rewarding experience. This is the third project that PCL will complete with the Orange County Convention Center. We appreciate the contribution of our Gators on this project and welcome the Gators in construction on all of our future endeavors.



Current Builders recently completed a 138 unit apartment project called Blu on Marina Blvd. located in Fort Lauderdale, FL. The project consisted of 138 apartment units within 7 garden style apartments. The structures were built using tunnel forms. Site amenities included a clubhouse, trash compactor, entry fountain feature, and swimming pool. All site-work, paving, landscaping and irrigation were included to provide a turn key rental apartment complex. BCN alumni on this project were:

- Michael Taylor, (BCN 1982), President**
- Aaron Buttress, (BCN 2000), Senior Project Manager**
- Mike Nethercote, (BCN 2002), Senior Superintendent**
- Sam Schlang, (BCN 2012), Project Manager**
- Andrew Schroeder, (BCN 2012), BIM/VDC Specialist**



Michael Young (BCN 1997), Braxton Skinner (BCN 2014), Kevin Littlejohn (BCN 2009), Michael Chatham (BCN 1983), Jeremy Voss (BCN 2003), and Cole Springer (BCN 2014)

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# Alumni working together

Coastal Construction's Tom C. Murphy and Sean Murphy have been promoted to co-presidents as of March 2015 announced Tom Murphy Jr., Chairman & CEO of Coastal Construction Group.

Coastal's presiding President, Dan Whiteman (BCN 1968, 1992, 2002), will assume the role of Vice Chairman of the Miami-based company. Tom Murphy Jr. will continue to remain actively involved in the company he founded in 1988. These appointments mark the initial phase of a multi-year strategic transition and expansion plan.



Tom C. Murphy (BCN 1992)



Sean Murphy (BCN 1995)

## Porsche Design Tower

Rising from the pristine sands of Sunny Isles Beach is the vision of Gil Dezer – the exclusive Porsche Design Tower Miami, being constructed by Coastal Condominiums. The second project for the Dezer family, this one-of-a-kind luxury residential tower was designed by The Sieger Suarez Architectural Group of Miami. Featuring a unique robotic car lift, residents can ascend in a glass elevator through the center of the building to their private residence, while sitting in their vehicle. At fifty-nine stories and 900,000 square feet, there are 132 units with individual two car garages, private elevators to access the apartments, and most of the apartments have private balcony swimming pools. Units range in size from 3,500 to 5,000 square feet, with the penthouses at 15,000 square feet. The tower amenities include an elegant porte-cochere with 24-hour valet services, 24-hour security services and in-house car concierge, oceanfront lounge, lobby level bar and restaurant, wine room, spa, clubroom equipped with stadium seating theater, virtual golf and a four seat race car simulation video game. The common area interiors are being designed by Michael Wolk Design Associates of Miami.



Current Builders takes its commitment to the University of Florida's School of Construction Management very seriously! With 16 Gators among our ranks, we have five decades of UF graduates covered from the Class of 1975 to the Class of 2012. We are pleased to present Current Builder's class of 2015.

"I won't say that UF is the only school we recruit from, but I will say that there is no other school that consistently turns out the caliber of young construction professionals that we look to build our team around," shares Current Builders CEO, Chip Reid, Class of 1975. And to that end, the firm recently announced the addition of four new partners and graduates of the University of Florida's Rinker School as follows:

Eric Herlihy, Vice President of Pre-Construction Services  
 Aaron Buttress, Senior Project Manager  
 Ryan Kelley, Senior Project Manager  
 Scott Remer, Senior Project Manager



Chip Reid (BCN 1975)  
 Michael Taylor (BCN 1982)  
 Eric Herlihy (BCN 1999)  
 Aaron Buttress (BCN 2000)  
 Mike Nethercote (BCN 2002)  
 Scott Remer (BCN 2002)  
 Ryan Kelley (BCN 2002)  
 Brett Schreiber (BCN 2008)  
 Kar Ho (BCN 2010)

Eric Seminira (BCN 2010)  
 Stephen Davidson (BCN 2011)  
 Sam Schlang (BCN 2012)  
 Adam Batley (BCN 2012)  
 William Ryan (BCN 2012)  
 Alex Motola (BCN 2012)  
 Andy Schroeder (BCN 2012)

## Congratulations BCN Alumni

ABC Gulf Coast Chapter held their Excellence in Construction Awards in April 2015 and awarded their 20 under 40 Construction Professionals. Several BCN alumni were honored:

Bryan Menendez (BCN 2008), Borrell Electric  
 Paul Scott (BCN 2007), Skanska Building  
 Brian Robbins (BCN 2005), DPR Construction  
 Jason Spears (BCN 2004), Peninsular Mechanical  
 Luke Johnson (BCN 2007), Williams Company





# Alumni Updates

**Don Jones, BCN 1950** - Don visited his alma mater, McKinley Vocational High School in Buffalo, NY. This was the first time he had been back since 1953. He visited the school, spent a wonderful time visiting with staff and the present teacher of the plumbing class who were truly interested in his continued education and success. He said that he thoroughly enjoyed the experience and encouraged others to do this.

**Steve Fogel, BCN 1964** - After graduation, Steve found his career path in marine construction working on large projects including marine loading terminals, offshore drilling platforms, and bridges. Most of his projects have been on the west coast, although some were in Canada, Indonesia, and several in Australia.

**Lamar Powers, BCN 1970** - Lamar is enjoying retirement. He served as a guest lecturer in the entrepreneur class. He prepared the Capital Improvement Plan for Florida State College Jacksonville. With Skanska, he is serving as Owner's Representative on a number of projects at Seminole State College. Darlene and Lamar provide day care for their new granddaughter on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They are looking forward to a trip on the Rocky Mountaineer from Vancouver to Banff, Lake Louise and Calgary. The highlight of the trip will be the double helix railroad tunnel. What retirement?

**Mike Kaufman, BCN 1981** - Mike got married in June to Lisa Kornstein. An entrepreneur herself, Lisa is the original founder of Scout & Molly's, a successful boutique in Charlotte, and now also serves as the Chief Operating Officer of Scout Franlogic Development, LLC, which is taking the concept national through a franchise model. Mike is President and CEO of Kaufman Lynn.

**Davood Samei, BCN 1982** - Davood is the President of Avida Custom Homes located in Dallas, TX. He is married with two children. One of his children is attending Law School at Southern Methodist University while his other child just graduated from SMU as well. He would like to get in contact with classmates from 1981-1982. Please email him at [d.samei@att.net](mailto:d.samei@att.net).

**Maria Dykes, BCN 1985** - Maria is a criminal law defense attorney in Panama City, FL. Her firm is Maria Dykes, P.A. Law Office.

**J. Michael Osmond, BCN 1986** - Mike just opened his third restaurant, located in Gainesville. He credits the money made and saved while working in the construction industry. The restaurants are called "Sweetberries Eateries." Mike also wrote a best seller book (in its genre) about his thru-hike of the Appalachian Trail called "Sometimes the Appalachian Trail is..." Which was featured on the Tonight Show starring Jimmy Fallon.

**Adair Barnes Owen, BCN 1987** - Adair recently left Elkins Constructors in Jacksonville, FL after 11 years and joined Stellar as their Pre-Construction Manager.

**Orlando Sharpe, BCN 1992** - Orlando founded Sharpe Project Developments, Inc. in 1990 where they developed over 10 million square feet of office, industrial and residential properties. His combined experience in development, planning, architecture, building construction, site development, governmental approvals, and tenant improvements has enabled him to represent clients in every aspect of a project's development.

**Scott McCarthy, BCN 1992** - Scott started working as a Senior Scheduler with STV earlier this year. He is working on a project for Stockton College in Atlantic City, NJ where they will convert the closed Showboat Casino complex into an "island campus" for the school.

**Mike Huskey, BCN 1994** - Mike recently celebrated his 20th Year with The Haskell Company and continues to lead Design-Build Teams delivering projects for the United States Marine Corps and Coast Guard. Mike volunteers with the Design Build Institute of America, and has been selected to participate in the Leadership Jacksonville programs

Thomas H. Shaughnessy (BCN 1968) and Erin Shaughnessy (UF 2000)

- Tom started his own general contracting firm in 1973 and it has grown fruitfully in South Florida over the last 41 years. Tom inspired his brother, Mark, to attend and graduate from BCN in 1982 and then



Tom's daughters to become loyal Gators as well. Tom recently sold his business, Toro Engineering & Construction Corp., to his brother Mark Shaughnessy and daughter Erin Shaughnessy Scacci (CLAS 2000), and then retired in December 2014. Tom and his wife, Mary, of almost 50 years, are enjoying their blissful retirement, split between Lake Placid, FL and Ashe County, NC and have never been happier!

Class of 2016.

**William Nassal and Matt Brown, BCN 1994** - Business partners, Bill and Matt, have recently launched a new service offering to their clients: APM (attractions program management) focusing on the specialty scope disciplines of zoos, aquariums, theme parks and museums (non GC related scope) This is primarily an international service offering and has been well received. They are currently managing theme parks in London, Doha (Qatar) and Shenzhen (China). In addition, their core fabrication business just completed the new Harry Potter land at Universal Studios Japan and currently replicating the Harry Potter land at Universal Studios Hollywood.

**Brad Sims, BCN 1996** - Brad was promoted to the Chancellor at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Worldwide in January 2015. The worldwide campus has 150 locations across the world and provides a comprehensive array of technical programs.

**Michelle Forte Young, BCN 1997** - Michelle of FORTE YOUNG INC. was recently retained as Owner's Representative/Project Manager by Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL) on a project for The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA). The assignment was to relocate the global headquarters of The IIA from Altamonte Springs, FL into one of Jones Lang LaSalle's office buildings in Lake Mary, FL - Northpoint Center II - a 108,499 SF Class 'A' office building. This was only the fifth move in the history of The IIA, an organization founded in 1941. FORTE YOUNG INC. was responsible for overseeing all aspects of the project, working with the landlord, tenant, architect/engineer, general contractor, move coordinator and other vendors, from pre-construction to owner move-in. Although Michelle is a general contractor, she has worked on the development side as well. This combination of skills on both sides of the business is one of the reasons that she was selected for the role and it proved to greatly benefit the project - completed on time and under budget.

**Carson Brownell, BCN 1997** - Carson is in his 4th year as an owner of HGR Construction, Inc. located in Winter Park, FL with a branch office in Charlotte, NC. Carson and his business partners are proud to have over 80 associates and are celebrating their biggest year ever approaching \$150 million in revenue in commercial construction for Publix, Walmart, Industrial Facilities, EarthFare, and Various Development Companies just to name a few. Carson and his business partners are currently training for an IRONMAN competition in September (on an off Football weekend of course). Also, Carson and his wife Kristi are celebrating 18 years together this September (not on an off Football weekend). As always, Carson is a proud Gator fan and BCN alumni supporting the Central Florida Gator BCN Club as a member on the Board of Directors. Go Gators!!

**Timothy A. Dornblaser, BCN 2000** - Tim is a Partner in The

# Alumni Updates

Everglades Group, a General Contractor and Architecture Firm located in Boynton Beach, FL specializing in Design/ Build projects. He was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Florida East Coast Chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) in 2014 and has been Chairman of ABC's Legislative Affairs Committee for the past several years. The committee has been instrumental in getting a number of Legislative Bills important to the construction industry passed by the FL Legislature.

**Trey Goodwin, BCN 2001** - Trey is an attorney in Niceville, FL concentrating in the areas of construction law and real estate litigation. In 2014, he was elected as an Okaloosa County Commissioner (Dist.4) and was sworn into office in November. He also serves as the county liaison to the local Building Industry Association. He and his wife, Krystle, live in Ft. Walton Beach with their two awesome children, Alexia (5 yrs old) and Robert (2 years old)

**Matt Hoglund, BCN 2003** - Matt was recently named Texas Regional Manager for DPR Construction. He will be responsible for Austin, Dallas and Houston.

**Tim Stanley, BCN 2003** - Tim was recently appointed Vice President of BBI Construction Management in Gainesville, FL.

**David Zorrilla, BCN 2005** - David was recently promoted to Chief Estimator at KAST Construction Company, LLC. KAST just celebrated its 10th anniversary and ranked on the ENR Top 400 Contractors. David and his wife, Erica, have two children.

**Chris Arduengo, BCN 2008** - Chris was promoted to Assistant Project Manager for Balfour Beatty in its Southwest Division. Chris lives and works in Orange County, CA.

**Ryan Hammond, BCN 2008** - Ryan went to work for ANF Group, Inc. in South Florida where he spent 5 years working on hospital and educational projects. He left in 2013 to pursue an MBA from Stanford's Graduate School of Business. He worked for 10 months on an early-stage architectural design optimization software called Spectrum and then he went to work at a super fast-growing construction software startup called PlanGrid.

**Tristan Lowry, BCN 2011** - Tristan was promoted in March from Project Engineer to Project Manager at NDC Construction after completing both Pittsburgh Pirates Projects: Pirate City Strength and Conditioning Center and the new home clubhouse of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

**Matt Vanture, BCN 2011** - Matt is a Senior Virtual Design and



Billy Dale Tyson (BCN 2010), Project Manager for Barton Malow at the Daytona International Speedway Grandstand Replacement.

Construction Engineer for the Whiting-Turner Contracting Company. In June 2015 he successfully completed the companies first COBie deliverable on a project to the General Services Administration [GSA] and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration [NASA] at the NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, VA. This \$52 million project is a 138,000 SF ground up design/build contract that included an auditorium, conference center, cafeteria and TV studio.

**Shannon Close, BCN 2011** - Shannon recently finished one of Xcel Energy's first major project as part of a large transmission and distribution grid out in southeast New Mexico in support of the large oil field growth in the area. The project was 9 miles of 115kV transmission line to a new substation named North Loving and 18 miles of new 115kV line from that station to a new China Draw distribution station.

**Jeff Marcum (formerly Ledbetter), BCN 2013** - Jeff works as a construction manager at GolbalTech Design-Build, Inc. of Boca Raton, FL.

**David Goldsmith, BCN 2013** - David Scott Goldsmith Ph.D. has been promoted to Assistant Professor of Practice in the Myers-Lawson School of Construction/Building Construction in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies at Virginia Tech. He is married to Jessica Marie Goldsmith, Ph.D. in Interior Design at UF. She is a Visiting Assisting Professor in the Interior Design Program this Fall at VT. They have three children.

**Chad Monroe, BCN 2015** - Chad joined DPR Construction and is the Project Manager for the Ronald McDonald House at Nemours Children's Hospital in Lake Nona, FL.

## JE Dunn Field Tech Expo

On Thursday October 1, 2015 JE Dunn visited Rinker and held a Tech Expo in order to give students and professors a chance to learn, and test drive, their latest technologies. The Expo featured 8 stations; each station showcasing specific systems and equipment. The expo held kiosks exhibiting trends in Virtual Design and Construction (VDC), Information Technology (IT), Logistics, Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MEP), Quality Assurance and Quality Control, Safety and Scheduling.

Representatives discussed JE Dunn's approach to the different phases in the construction process. Students were given timely and relevant industry exposure to the methods used to implement these trends in current projects.



The JE Dunn team provides this learning opportunity to Rinker students through this innovative workshop.

# BCN Alumni Regional Club Updates

## Central Gator BCN Alumni Club

The Central Florida Gator BCN Alumni Club held its 5th Annual Clay Shoot tournament on February 20th, 2015 at the Tenoroc Shooting Center. The event was a very successful tournament raising \$14,500 for the Rinker School with a 114 participants. The proceeds from the tournament were made possible by the hard work of board members,volunteers, and many sponsors that support the tournament and the Rinker School.



### 1st Place Team Springer Petersen Roofing

(Left to right) Tony Sturgess (PCL Construction), Rob Springer (BCN 1984) (Springer Petersen Roofing), Wayne Heronimous (Roofing Supplier), Jeremy Voss (BCN 2003) (PCL Construction), Daniel Boatwright (Springer Petersen Roofing), Jeff Westphal (PCL Construction)



Rob Maphis (BCN 1993) (left to right), Ryan Whitehead (Whitehead Construction), Wayne Mullen ( BCN 1995), Travis Kolbjornsen (BCN 2006), Blake Bolduc (J1, BCN 2016) and Jimmy Bellows (BCN 2004). Ryan and Wayne are from Whitehead Construction in Winter Haven. Travis and Jimmy are with Walt Disney Family.



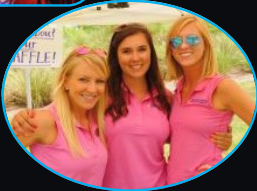
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## February 12<sup>th</sup> 2016 at Catfish Creek Sporting Clay

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*For more information please email Jeremy Voss [JDVoss@pcl.com](mailto:JDVoss@pcl.com)*

# Central Florida Gator BCN Club's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

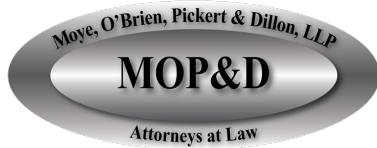


Over 200 players raised more than \$72,000 for the school



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Save the Date for the next  
Orlando Golf Benefit  
Thursday, April 21, 2016

# BCN Alumni Regional Club Updates

## Atlanta Gator BCN Alumni Club

The Atlanta BCN Alumni Club hosted another successful golf tournament on October 20, 2015. This event raised over \$60,000 for the Rinker School. The Rinker School would like to thank the individuals who spent countless hours to make this event such a huge success.



First Place: Spectra Contract Flooring/Tate Access Flooring



First Place: Argos Ready Mix



# THE 2015 ANNUAL GOLF/BENEFIT



Save the Date for the next Atlanta Golf Benefit  
Tuesday, October 18, 2016

# BCN Alumni Regional Club Updates

## Tampa Bay Gator BCN Alumni Club

The Tampa Bay BCN Gators held their 10th Annual Golf Fundraiser on April 16, 2015 at Cheval Golf and Athletic Club in Lutz, FL. This is the first time this event has been held at the Florida Cheval course and their professionals and staff were great hosts. The Tampa Alumni Club is again proud and grateful for the outstanding support from local businesses, BCN grads and friends of the University that helped raise \$29,000 for the Rinker School. That number is a new high for the Tampa group. Many of those involved this year have been supporting this effort continuously for ten years and it is because of their steady backing that this outing is sustained.

From the Rinker School, Dr. Jim Sullivan, Professor Mike Cook and student Ben Fritzsche (BCN Graduate Student) played in the event. Kim Stanley and Kjerstin Terry from the Rinker staff were great support and, as always, the Directors and volunteers from the Tampa Bay BCN Gators all helped make this outing another success.



First place winners (l-r) were Gerdau - Wayne Roberts (BCN 1991), Greg Thorton (BCN 1999), Dave Thornton, Bob Angle (BCN 1967), and Daniel Simmons

Gerdau, Power Design, and JE Dunn Construction took the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies respectively. Jay Gabler and Lori Garton were the Long Drive Champions, John Lemus won the Putting Contest, and Tim Brett won Closest to the Pin Contest. The Orange and Blue Champions were the

Orange teams this year and received Rinker Gator pull-overs. Kjerstin Terry won the Flat Screen TV donated by Gator Gypsum. A Special Thank you to Clark Construction for accepting the Bull Gator Title Sponsor. In addition to Clark Construction, this year's list of loyal sponsors include:

Beverage Cart — Bouchard Insurance, Mill-Rite Woodworking, Peninsular Mechanical, RIPA & Associates and Zurich Surety.

Closest-to-the-Pin — McEnany Roofing

Long Drive — Hanlon Acoustical Ceilings

Hole-in-One — United Rentals

Putting Contest — Personnel Response Team

Golf Tees — Springer Peterson Roofing

Trophy Sponsor — Diaz Fritz Isabel General Contractors

Foursome — Amprop Development, Angle & Schmid, Arthur Rutenberg Homes, Batson-Cook Construction, Bouchard Insurance, Brandon Construction, CEMEX, CSSI, Coastal Mechanical, Cox Fire Protection, Creative Contractors, Gerdau, Hawkins Construction, J.E. Dunn Construction, Kiewit Southern, Mainstay Construction, Nelson Construction, Power Design, Quality Fabrication and Supply, Springer Peterson Roofing, Tampa Pavement Con-

tractors, Tappouni Mechanical, The Raynor Group, Tri-City Electrical Contractors, and Wal-Mark Contracting Group.

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Each of the last ten years, the Tampa Bay BCN Gators golf event has been the recipient of some great prizes and gifts to auction or raffle off and this year was no different including: A 40" flat screen TV from Gator Gypsum and an Apple I-Pad and Bluetooth Speaker donated by Trinity Construction Management. Golf Foursome Certificates were provided for the silent auction by: Bayou CC, Cypress Run CC, Cheval Golf and Athletic Club, Innisbrook Resort, Isla Del Sol CC, Lake Jovita CC, Mark Bostick Golf Course, River Hills CC, St Petersburg CC, and Green Links Resort including a weekend stay in Naples. Most of the following group have provided continuous support every year by donating raffle gifts and they include: Jim & Slims Tool Supply, Home Depot, Heads N' Tails, White Cap Supply, Gator Boosters, Mugs Sports Bar, Gator Haven, Courtside Grille, Ker's Wing House, Dimmit Automotive Group, Mister Hot Shine and Tropical Cadillac.

(l-r): Aaron Leech (BCN 2009)  
Rachel Powell (BCN 2014),  
and Earle Cooper (BCN 1977)



Save the Date for the next  
Tampa Golf Benefit  
Thursday, March 31, 2016

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# BCN Alumni Regional Club Updates

## West Palm Beach BCN Alumni Club

The Palm Beach County Gator BCN Alumni Club held its 5th Annual Sporting Clay Fun Shoot on February 7, 2015 at the CEMEX Hunting Camp in Hobe Sound, FL. A total of 14 teams participated in the event, raising \$42,148!

The top three scoring teams were: Centerline Utilities, Inc., Baker Concrete Construction, and The Weitz Company respectively.

The award for Highest Score went to Fred Chesney Jr. of Centerline Utilities, Inc.!

The event was a huge success thanks to the combined efforts of all of our volunteers, sponsors and teams.



The Palm Beach County Gator BCN Alumni Club would like to recognize and give special thanks to the following for their contributions:

**Sponsors:** DLI Incorporated; Palm Beach Cast Stone; C&F Electric; Moraca Builders; Southeast Mechanical Contractors; The Airtex Corporation; Lotspeich Co. of Florida, Inc.; Power Design; Rood Landscape; Grace Construction; Static Electric; Treasure Coast Irrigation; Mario's Painting; Fastrac Electric; Edward Don & Company; Wildcat Demolition Specialists; Stanley Security; Gulf Building; A Cut Above Landscaping; Berg Demolition; Triple E Equipment; Jack Walsh Carpet &

## Jacksonville BCN Alumni Club

On October 30, 2015 the Northeast Florida Gator BCN Alumni Club held its Third Annual golf tournament as a fund raiser for the School of Construction Management at Deercreek Country Club. The event had over 80 people attend for a great day of golf and networking which raised \$12,000 for the School. We would like to thank all the sponsors, participants, and volunteers, along with congratulations to the winning teams of Miller Electric (1st), Haskell (2nd), and Superior Construction (3rd). Mark your calendars for next year on the Friday before the Florida-Georgia game, and start your "holiday" type weekend in Jacksonville for a great cause!



Pictured from l-r are Mike Blankenship (Graybar), Todd Russell (Haskell), Jonathan Bolen (Miller Electric), Ben Pionowski (NECA Chapter Rep.) Not pictured: Robert Tesney

Save the date  
2016 WPB Clay Shoot Tournament  
February 13, 2016

Rugs, Inc.; Knight Electric Co., Inc.; Coastal Millworks, Inc.; United Structures; Builders Plus; East Coast Metal Structures; Nichols Industries (Stucco & Lath); Quinco Electric; S&D; ABC Concrete Cutting, Inc.; ETC Environmental Technology Control; Brian's Carpet & Commercial Flooring, Inc.; Pinnacle Plumbing; Universal Engineering; Terracon Consultants, Inc.; Interstate Sign Crafters; Victory Concrete Contractors, Inc.; Accurate Balancing & Commissioning; Moss & Associates; Burkhardt Construction; Baker Concrete Construction; The Weitz Company; Balfour Beatty Construction; Craft Construction Co.; CEMEX; Hedrick Brothers Construction; Anderson-Moore Construction Corp.; Clouddrunner Media; ECS Florida, LLC; E.D.S Air Conditioning; Centerline Utilities, Inc.; Malone Electric; Reprografia; Caulfield & Wheeler; Suffolk Construction; U & Me Moving & Storage; R&R Door & Trim, Inc.

**Teams:** Burkhardt Construction; Moss & Associates; Baker Concrete Construction; Victory Concrete Contractors, Inc.; Kaufman Lynn Construction; The Weitz Company; Anderson-Moore Construction Corp.; Centerline Utilities, Inc.; Craft Construction Co.; Balfour Beatty Construction; ECS Florida, LLC; E.D.S Air Conditioning; Hedrick Brothers Construction Co., Inc.; Suffolk Construction;

Special thanks to Dan Turk for always making sure we are well-fed with his delicious BBQ! Thank you all for your support and participation. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year!



Rinker's Dr. Robert Ries and Kim Stanley met with a group of the Jacksonville alumni to discuss strategies for future activities. Pictured from left to right are: Eric Prendergast, Tim Good, Bradley Stone, Erik Sharpe, Kim Stanley, Dr. Robert Ries, Bobby Naik, and Todd Russell. Thanks to Brasfield & Gorrie for hosting lunch and the meeting.

Save the Date for the next  
Jacksonville Golf Benefit  
Friday, October 28, 2016

# UF BCN Athletes

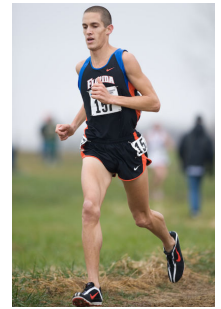
*This featured article is on BCN students who were UF athletes while in school. If you were a BCN student and UF athlete and would like to share your story, please contact Kim Stanley at kimms@ufl.edu. Please find below the next of this series on our alumni.*

*By Jeremy Criscione, BCN 2013, UF Track & Cross Country*

From a very young age, construction has always been something that has interested me, although it was never a career path that I envisioned taking. I always enjoyed the opportunity to experience small scale repairs and projects that seemed to take place often with my family and on odd jobs that I worked while growing up. Sports, on the other hand, were something that I lived by and dreamt of often. I started out playing baseball and football at an early age and played up until high school. During the summer leading up to my freshman year of high school, I was playing on three different baseball teams at the same time while also balancing odd summer jobs. I continued the trend of multiple sports, six a year, up until my junior year of high school. At that time, I decided it was best to focus on the sports that I felt played to my strengths in order to keep living the dream of being an athlete. The two sports ended up being baseball and distance running. I would run cross country in the fall and simultaneously play baseball and run track in the spring, often running before a baseball game or running home after. After finishing 6th at the state cross country meet and 2nd in the 3200 meter run at the state track meet, I began getting noticed by numerous colleges throughout the country. This solidified the fact that running was what I wanted to continue doing in college. During my senior year, I focused only on XC and track, setting the then state meet record of 15:02 for 5k in XC and also winning the state 3200m later that spring. I ultimately decided to attend the University of Florida on scholarship to run for one of the best track and cross country programs in the country under current head coach, Mike Holloway and then head distance coach, Jeff Pigg.

My freshman year of college was a real eye opener as to what it would take to succeed as a student-athlete at the University of Florida. Although the support system is huge, it takes a lot of responsibility and dedication to ensure that you are balancing all of the educational and athletic requirements. I believe balancing multiple sports at a young age helped with this tremendously. I was undecided my first three semesters

as to what degree I wanted to pursue. Once I figured out that the Rinker School of Building Construction was where I wanted to be, it was a huge relief. This feeling abruptly came to a halt when I learned that if I entered the program at that time, I would not be able to satisfy the NCAA requirements of meeting certain percentages of degree completion, which is taken into account each semester. I met with BCNs' Dr. Issa, and created a plan that would allow me to complete my undergrad degree with the Department of Geological Sciences and then enter the BCN Graduate Program. This worked out perfectly as I had redshirted indoor track and would be looking to compete in my fifth year. Fast forward to the summer of 2010, I had completed three semesters of the graduate program and was looking to graduate at the end of the fall semester. Once again, my academic pursuits were having a curve ball thrown at them. I finished my athletic eligibility as an All-American in cross country, finishing 20th at the NCAA meet, a three time all SEC and South Region team member, a US Junior National runner-up finish in the 10k on the track, the UF school record holder for 8k and 5 mile distances in cross country and being a part of the 2010 NCAA Indoor and 2010 SEC Outdoor Championship teams. It was clear to me that I wanted to continue competing as a distance runner and was presented with the opportunity to join a post-collegiate Olympic Development Team. Due to the fact that this type of opportunity is hard to come by in the sport of distance running, I decided to put my last semester at BCN on hold and my wife and I moved out of town. I competed for the team for 3.5 years, the last year and a half as a satellite athlete when we moved back to Gainesville so that I could finish my degree. I graduated in the spring of 2013 and was able to land a job here in Gainesville with BBI Construction Management and it has been nothing short of amazing. I currently compete as a satellite athlete for the Saucony Hurricanes and will compete in my second Olympic Trials for the marathon next February.



I consider myself truly blessed to have earned a degree from and competed for one of the best universities in the country. The experiences, guidance, and education that I received assist me each and every day and I will be forever grateful for each and every person that played a part along the way. GO GATORS!

## 2015 Career Fairs

### Spring 2015 Career Fair

The Rinker School held its Spring 2015 Career Fair in the O'Connell Center on Tuesday February 10, 2015. There were 103 companies in attendance consistent with the current upward trend in the industry. Student and visitor attendance was approximately 210. As a result of the career fair and other job placement activities at the Rinker School, the placement rate at graduation is 100% for undergraduate students. A big thank you to all the companies that participated!



Above: Students mingle and walk around the O'Dome speaking to various company representatives in hopes of obtaining internships and employment opportunities.

### Fall 2015 Career Fair

Rinker held its semi-annual Career Fair at the Hilton UF Conference Center on Tuesday October 27, 2015. There were 106 companies in attendance and approximately 320 students including students from other nearby colleges and universities. For the second year in a row, the placement rate at graduation is 100%, which reflects not only the continual growth of the industry but the high caliber of students graduating from Rinker.



Undergraduate Registrar and Admissions Advisor, Sallie Shattner, helps register incoming representatives and students before they enter the event.



## Spring 2015 Welcome Reception — Fall 2015 Welcome Reception —

The Rinker School held its Spring 2015 Welcome Reception January 23, 2015 at the University Holiday Inn with nearly 100 students and faculty in attendance. The student clubs set up tables and held a social hour with the new students before the presentations began. Presentations were made by BCN faculty & staff on the BCN programs international exchange, career placement, student clubs and student competition teams. The faculty, staff and current students welcomed the newest members to the BCN Family with a “White Hat Ceremony.”



A special thanks to J. Raymond for sponsoring the Welcome Reception

The Rinker School held its Fall 2015 Welcome Reception at Rinker Hall on Thursday, September 3, 2015. There was a pre-ceremony social hour with information tables to introduce the incoming students to all the extracurricular activities available. Presentations were made by BCN faculty & staff on the BCN programs international exchange, career placement, student clubs and student competition teams. The faculty, staff and current students welcomed the newest members to the BCN Family with a “White Hat Ceremony”



A special thanks to Kaufman Lynn Construction for sponsoring the Welcome Reception.

## Homecoming 2015 —

The University celebrated Homecoming on November 7th, 2015. The Rinker School hosted an open house and the Construction Hall of Fame induction. The Homecoming BBQ was held on the Architecture lawn to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the College of Design, Construction & Planning. A big thank you goes to Hedrick Brothers, Kiewit, T&G Constructors, Stellar, Perkins+Will, Harvard Jolly, and Chen-Moore for contributing to the success of this event.



Alumni and friends mingle and chat before the ceremonies begin.



## Spring 2015 Graduation Dinner —

The Rinker School held its graduation dinner on May 1, 2015 at the Holiday Inn University Center. Awards and recognitions were given to the 2015 Distinguished Alumnus, Student Academic Excellence, Student Leadership Award, Instructional Excellence, and the Nancy Perry Award for Teaching Excellence. Everybody had a great time and the school wishes these students luck in their future endeavours.



The graduating class poses for their last group picture.



A special thank you to Balfour Beatty for sponsoring the graduation dinner.

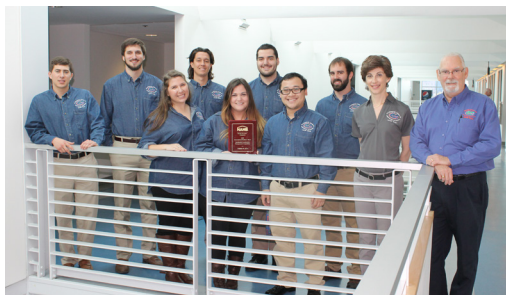
# Field Trips & Student Competition Teams



Dr. Paul Oppenheim takes the BCN 1001-Introduction to Building Construction class for a tour of the Chemistry Building on campus.



CMAA (Construction Management Association of America) Student Club field trip.



NAHB Members: Michael Ferrer, Steven Harrison, Quin McHale, Brett Maddox (from Construction Management), Joshua Macbeth and Lam Nguyen (from Architecture); and Victoria Bryer and Allie Wright (from Interior Design). Faculty coaches were Dr. Richard Smailes and Dr. Svetlana Olbina.



BIM Competition Team. Top row (l-r): Britton Pollitt, Eric Silbermann, Nathan Blinn, Jeremy Melendez, Jose Orjvela and Dr. Raymond Issa. Bottom row: Zack Smolich and Chad Monroe.



Concrete Team. Top row (l-r): Jon Freshour, Andrew Entsminger, Blake Russ, and Jim Sullivan. Bottom row (l-r): Wayne Dahlberg, Lee Kinzel, and David Van Norman.



Regional Construction Management Team (l-r): Adis Ibranic, Chris Bourgeois, Trent Swann, Tori Reszetar, Stephen Boyd, Blake Bolduc.



National Construction Management Team (l-r): Matt Cruitt, Evan Southern, Matt Johnson, Chris Nichols, and Melissa Morgan.

# Powell Center For Construction & Environment

The Powell Center hosted a Solar Cookout to demonstrate different ways to cook with solar devices. Students and faculty participated in the event and discovered the ways to re-use materials such as boxes, old satellites, and panels to cook hot dogs.



Powell Center's Hamed Hakim (BCN PhD student) is using an old satellite solar cooker.



Powell Center's Tori Reszetar (BCN Senior 2) works with a tubular solar cooker.

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SOLAR COOKING

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## FUEL

Sunlight is the fuel. A solar cooker needs an outdoor spot that is sunny for several hours and protected from strong wind, and where food will be safe. Solar cookers don't work at night or on cloudy days.

## ADVANTAGES

- Solar cookers can be made from locally available and recycled materials
- Solar cookers can kill disease-causing organisms in water
- Solar cookers are easy to transport
- Solar cookers save trees and soil - helping with air quality
- Growing shortages of cooking fuels
- Solar cookers are versatile and adaptable
- Simple technology

## HOW SOLAR COOKING WORKS

1. **CONVERT SUNLIGHT TO HEAT ENERGY:** Dark surfaces get very hot in sunlight, whereas light surfaces don't.



2. **RETAIN HEAT:** A transparent heat trap around the dark pot lets in sunlight, but keeps in the heat.



3. **CAPTURE EXTRA SUNLIGHT:** One or more shiny surfaces reflect extra sunlight onto the pot, increasing its heat potential.



## TYPE OF SOLAR COOKERS

### BOX COOKERS

Heat-trap boxes  
Most widely used



### PANEL COOKERS

Incorporate elements from both box and parabolic cookers it requires clear, heat-resistant plastic cooking bags

### PARABOLIC COOKERS

Cook fast at very high temperatures (450-500 F) like fire, but require frequent adjustments and supervision



## Manufactured Construction Plant Visit

In fall 2015, Powell Center visited a series of factories such as Champion, Homes of Merits, and TownHomes LLC, where several students had a chance to enhance their knowledge of manufactured construction and got a detailed tour of the plant stations from professional experts in the field.

The visits were arranged as a part of the collaboration with the Training for Manufactured Construction (TRAMCON) Consortium. The TRAMCON Consortium provides a set of skills, training, and education especially designed for the manufactured construction industry. Dr. Charles Kibert, Dr. Abdol Chini, and Dr. James Sullivan accompanied students during the visits.



# Fire & Emergency Services (FES) Program

FES welcomes seven new FES adjuncts to the program.

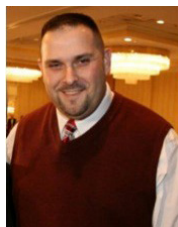
**Barry B. Baker, MS**, is the former Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training and Superintendent of the Florida State Fire College, Division of State Fire Marshal, with 47 years of experience in the fire service. Chief Baker is active in the International Association of Fire Chiefs, as well as the Florida Fire Chiefs Association. He has served as the chairperson of the Washington, DC Metropolitan Senior Fire Operations Group. He was responsible for the deployment of fire and rescue resources during disaster events in Florida and has assisted numerous other states with disaster planning and preparedness.



**John DeIorio, MBA, MS**, has over 30 years emergency response and emergency management experience. He is a designated Chief Fire Officer from the Commission on Public Safety Excellence and is qualified as a Logistics Section Chief for one of the State of Florida's State Type III All Hazards Incident Management Teams. Retired from the fire service, DeIorio is currently a Program Manager with Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Preparedness and Response. He serves as a subject matter expert/consultant with several emergency management/homeland security firms in local, state, and federal preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation programs.



**Scott Starnes, PhD**, has more than 15 years as an educator and 18 years as a pre-hospital care provider. He is qualified as a Paramedic Program Director and Instructor/Coordinator by the state of Tennessee. In addition to teaching at UF, Starnes serves as a Paramedic Instructor at Walters State Community College in Morristown, Tennessee. He is a Founding Partner and certified leadership coach, trainer, and speaker with The John Maxwell Team. In July 2013 he launched The Center for Personal Development & Growth whose vision is to inspire, equip and promote the personal and professional development of leaders in the educational, public safety and non-profit arenas on a global level.



**Dennis Mitterer, MS**, is currently pursuing his PhD in Leadership and Organization Change at Walden University. He has worked in EMS for over 25 years as an EMT and paramedic, Operations Chief, and educator. Mitterer is a Clinical Educator at Lancaster General Hospital in Pennsylvania and a Faculty Advisor for EMS at Franklin & Marshall College. In addition to teaching at UF, he also teaches at Lebanon Valley College, Immaculata College, and Harrisburg Area Community College. As a nationally recognized speaker and author, Mitterer challenges audiences to think creatively about EMS topics.



**Bruce J. Moeller, PhD**, is Principal in Juncture Group, a public safety consulting firm that assists EMS, fire, law, 911 communications and emergency management agencies. He most recently served as Assistant County/Administrator/Chief of Staff and Director of Safety & Emergency Services in Pinellas County, Florida. Previously, Moeller served as Chief of Department for several agencies, including Broward County, Florida, and as city manager for the City of Sunrise, Florida. He is a frequent speaker and author in public administration and fire rescue fields.



**John K. Murphy, JD, MS, PA-C, EFO**, a retired Deputy Fire Chief with 32 years of service, is a practicing attorney licensed in Washington and New York. His focus includes such areas as employment practices liability, fire and EMS training safety, forensic evaluation on fire operations, and risk management for private and public entities. He has been a licensed Physician's Assistant since 1977. Murphy's past fire experience has been as a Chief Fire Officer, with responsibilities as Director of Paramedic Operations, Chief of Training, and Chief of Operations. Murphy was a US Navy combat corpsman serving with the Marines during Viet Nam. He is a national speaker on legal and medical issues at local, state and national fire service conferences.



**Cameron Bucek, MS**, the Fire/EMS Clinical Educator for the Masimo Corporation, has over 24 years of fire and rescue experience. In addition to teaching at UF, he is an adjunct instructor for the National Fire Academy's Hazardous Materials, EMS, and Injury Prevention courses. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Fire Smoke Foundation. Bucek has presented programs at State, National, and International Conferences and has appeared on FETN, Pulse, 24-7 EMS, and Medic Monthly Videos.



## 2015 FES Graduates



(top row l-r) Kevin Whitaker and Kim Luther; (bottom row l-r) Arielle Bernstein, Antonia Gary, and Dale Deleacaes.

Pictured above: Brian Nadler and Michael Fletcher are Spring 2015 graduates who were unable to make commencement.

## Congratulations Graduates

## 2014 FES Graduates

(l-r): Joseph Hillhouse and Diana Matty



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Fall 2016	D.E Scorpio	<u>NAHB Competition Team</u>	
<u>BCN Newsletter</u>		Spring 2016	Coastal Construction
Fall 2015	Balfour Beatty Construction, Coastal	<u>LEED Competition Team</u>	
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Fall 2016	Current Builders	<u>BIM Competition Team</u>	
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Fall 2010 - Clark Construction  
 Spring 2011 - Fluor  
 Fall 2011 - Balfour Beatty  
 Spring 2012 - Clark Construction  
 Fall 2013 - Hedrick Brothers and J. Raymond Construction  
 Spring 2014 - Springer-Peterson  
 Spring 2015 - Balfour Beatty Construction  
 Fall 2015 - Baker Concrete

### Welcome Reception

Spring 2010 - Brasfield & Gorrie  
 Spring 2011 - Hardin Construction  
 Spring 2013 - Clark Construction  
 Fall 2013 - J. Raymond Construction  
 Spring 2014 - The Weitz Company  
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 Spring 2015 - J. Raymond Construction  
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 Spring 2016 - Juneau Construction

### BCN Newsletter

Spring 2010 - Clark Construction  
 Fall 2010 - CEMEX  
 Spring 2011 - J. Raymond Construction  
 Fall 2011 - Acousti Engineering, Climate Control Mechanical Systems, Coastal Construction, and Scherer Construction of North Florida  
 Spring 2012 - CPPI Inc., Current Builders, J. Raymond Construction, Kiewit  
 Fall 2012 - CPPI Inc., Clancy & Theys, Kiewit, J. Raymond Construction  
 Spring 2013 - Coastal Construction, Current Builders, Hedrick Brothers, Kiewit  
 Fall 2013 - Balfour Beatty Construction, CEMEX  
 Spring 2014 - Balfour Beatty Construction, CEMEX

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

### BIM Competition Team

Spring 2010 - present - Turner Construction

### Commercial Team

(1998 - present) Balfour Beatty

### Design-Build Team (ASC)

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### Design-Build Team (DBIA)

Fall 2014 Stellar

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 2012 - Coastal Construction  
 2014 - GL Homes

### LEED Competition Team

Spring 2010 - James A. Cummings  
 Fall 2010 - Clancy & Theys  
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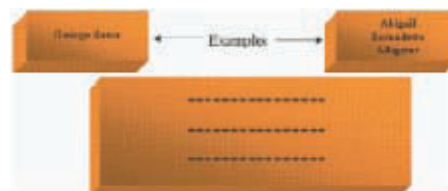
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## Welcome to the BCN Family....

**Dr. Ray Issa**, was selected by a faculty committee to receive the 2015 DCP Dean's Faculty Service Award. This award recognized leadership and outstanding service consistent with the academic mission of the College.

Recognition by one's peers is an outstanding honor and exemplifies an extraordinary commitment to the art of service.

Congratulations Dr. Issa!



**Dr. Bryan Franz** is a researcher and educator dedicated to improving the project delivery process in the building construction industry. Specifically, he studies organizational strategies for assembling, managing, and evaluating project teams. Dr. Franz applies quantitative research methods that blend social constructs, such as leadership roles and group cohesion, with objective project performance data. His current research seeks to understand how the integration of design and construction disciplines contributes to the development of effective teams. Dr. Franz earned a B.S. (2005), M.S. (2011) and Ph.D. (2014) in Architectural Engineering from the Pennsylvania State University. Before joining the faculty at UFL, he worked as a project manager with James G. Davis Construction Company, a medium-sized general contracting firm serving the Washington, D.C. region.



**Dr. Ian Flood** was been selected by the Technical Council on Computing Practices and Information Technology to receive the 2015 Computing in Civil Engineering Award "For extraordinary leadership in the advancement of computing in civil engineering through academic research, project application, and Society service." In selecting him for this award, the committee particularly noted his contributions that have advanced computing in civil engineering



Congratulations Dr. Flood!

**Dr. Masoud Gheisari** is a researcher and educator in the area of human-centered technology in construction; investigating both human and technology elements to successfully integrate them in construction practices. His research involves applying psychological techniques for developing cognitive models of information requirements of human subjects in construction and using those cognitive models to develop IT tools through new and innovative human-computer-based approaches. Dr. Gheisari earned a B.Sc. in Civil Engineering from Iran (2006), an M.Sc. in Construction Management from Malaysia (2009), and a Ph.D. in Building Construction from Georgia Tech (2013). Before joining the faculty at BCN, he was an Assistant Professor in the Building Construction Science Program at Mississippi State University.



## We are going to miss ....

Dr. Svetlana Olbina has accepted a position as an Associate Professor Position at Colorado State University. Dr. Olbina taught BIM, construction drawing, and sustainability at Rinker. We wish her well in her new endeavor. She will be greatly missed at the Rinker School.



Dr. Esther Obonyo accepted a position at Pennsylvania State University. During her tenure at Rinker she taught Temporary Structures. She will be greatly missed and we wish her well.



Dottie Beaupied retired in February 2015. Dottie worked at the Rinker School from 1995-2000 as OPS for the Center for Construction and Environment and then as Program Assistant from 2000-2015 where she handled the graduate program. Dottie be missed by her colleagues and students but we wish her the best in her retirement.



Dr. Jeff Lindsey presents Dottie with plaque at her retirement party.

## Congratulations Kim Stanley!!

The Rinker School's Alumni Liaison, Kim Stanley graduated in December 2014 with a Bachelor in Applied Science in Organizational Management from Santa Fe College.



# In Memory of....



## Richard "Rick" Coble, BCN 1992

Dr. Richard ("Rick") Coble was born on August 17, 1946, in Pasadena, California. He attended California Polytechnic University-Pomona, where he received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering. Rick worked in his father's construction business in southern California until an opportunity arose to work on the initial construction of Walt Disney World in Orlando.

In 1976, he started his own construction company, Kaco Construction, and worked on the Circus World theme park, doing all of the site work and underground construction and constructing all of the buildings. Kaco also worked on several Epcot pavilions. While running his own construction company, he earned his master's degree in building construction at the University of Florida.

In 1992, Rick was one of the first persons to receive a Ph.D. from the University of Florida College of Architecture. He became a professor in the UF Building Construction School, where he taught for 12 years and was named "teacher of the year." He was a visiting professor at the University of Salford in Manchester, UK and at Tsinghua University, Beijing, China. He loved all sports and was an avid Gator fan, collecting all sorts of Gator memorabilia.

Rick is survived by his two brothers, five children, and eight grandchildren. Rick often said that, "the only thing we leave behind is what we leave in others." He passed away on September 13, 2015.



## Morris Trimmer, BCN 1962

John Morris 'Morrie' Trimmer was born on September 12, 1925 in Nanjin, China where his parents were working as Methodist missionaries. Morrie earned his BS in Engineering from Swarthmore College (1948), his MBA from the University of Florida (1962), and his Ph. D. from Western Colorado University (1983). He served as an Ensign, Chief Engineering Officer, on the USS Kingman (APB-47), in the U.S. Navy, Pacific Fleet, during and after WWII. He had volunteered for, and trained in Bomb Disposal, later being assigned to the Pacific Fleet and was honorably discharged in 1946.

After 10 years of working for General Electric and U.S. Steel in Pennsylvania, in 1959 he joined the faculty of the newly minted School of Building Construction at the University of Florida in Gainesville where he taught until his retirement in 1993. With partners Tom Hamm and Dawson Ziegler, he helped lead Block and Associates and other business ventures.

He cared deeply for others, worked hard for civil rights and was passionate about the importance of education; supported numerous young people in their education dreams and accomplishments. He is survived by various children, stepchildren and grandchildren. Morrie died in his adopted home of Gainesville, FL where he had lived and worked for 55 years.

## Joseph Douglas Nottoli, BCN 1994

Mr. Joseph (Joe) Douglas Nottoli, 44, resident of High Point, passed away suddenly on July 23, 2015 while on vacation with his family.

Joe was born July 21, 1971 in Fulton County, GA, son to Raymond Guy and Marilyn Horsely Nottoli. He grew up in Rock Hill, SC and moved to Fort Lauderdale, FL where he earned the rank of Eagle Scout and attended South Plantation High School. He graduated from the University of Florida, where he played football and was a proud Gator.



In 1996, he married the love of his life, Donna Renee Giuliano. In 2001 he moved to the Triad to open and manage a regional division of Ryland Homes, and later founded J Douglas Homes in 2007. He was a two-time president of the High Point Builders Association and was voted Builder of the Year in 2010 and 2012. He also was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.



## Myron Corets, BCN 1957

Myron 'Mike' Lawrence Corets was born on May 17, 1929 in Manhattan. Mike graduated from the New York Military Academy with honors. He was then accepted to the College of Architecture at the University of Florida.

In 1949, Mike was initiated into the Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity. He placed in advanced ROTC as a freshman and was inducted into Scabbard & Blade College Military Honor Society for Excellence. He joined the Tau Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, a national service fraternity, and the Society of American Military Engineers. He was a member of the Alpha Chapter of The Cavaliers, a world-class competitive junior drum and bugle corps. Mike parlayed his Bachelor of Building Construction Degree from the School into his first job at U.S. Plywood as a Tech Rep in 1958.

An unabashed Gator fanatic, Mike was full of pride for his alma mater. He became a Grand Guard of the University of Florida's Alumni Association in 2009. He also sat on the Advisory Council of the M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Construction Management. Mike, 86, of Los Angeles, died on July 31, 2015 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

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

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



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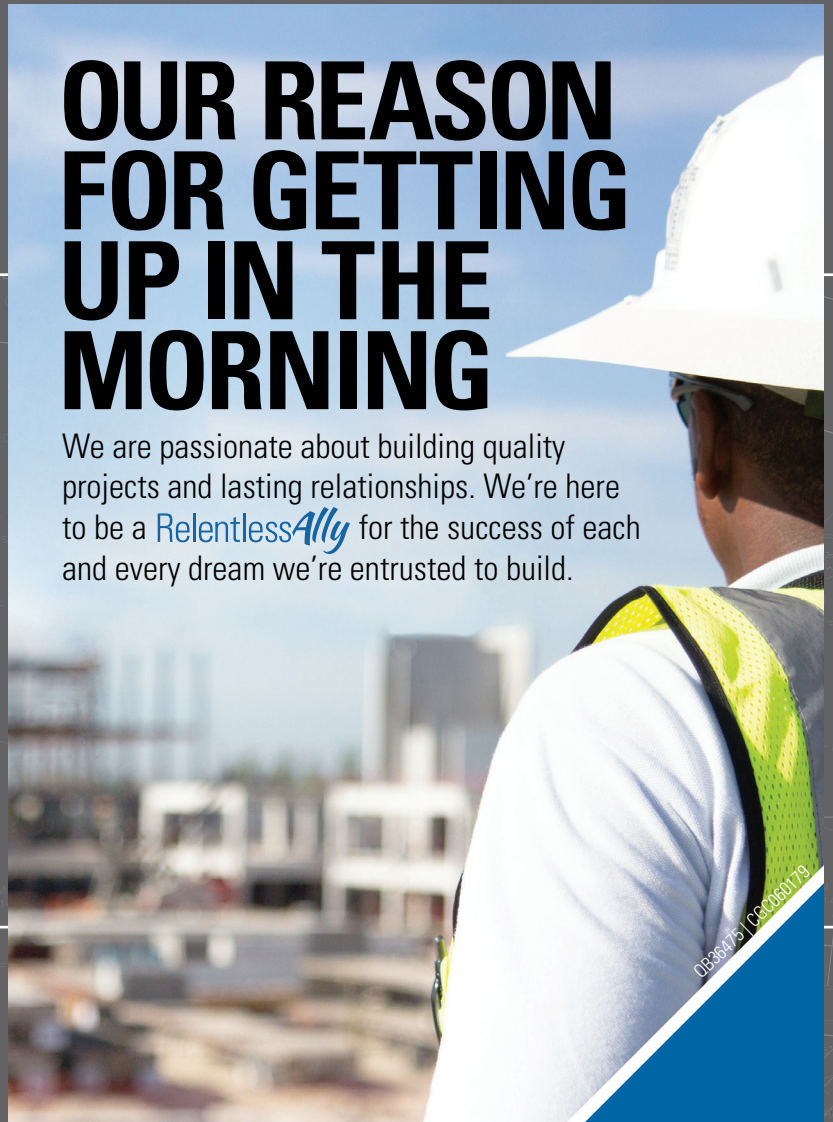


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