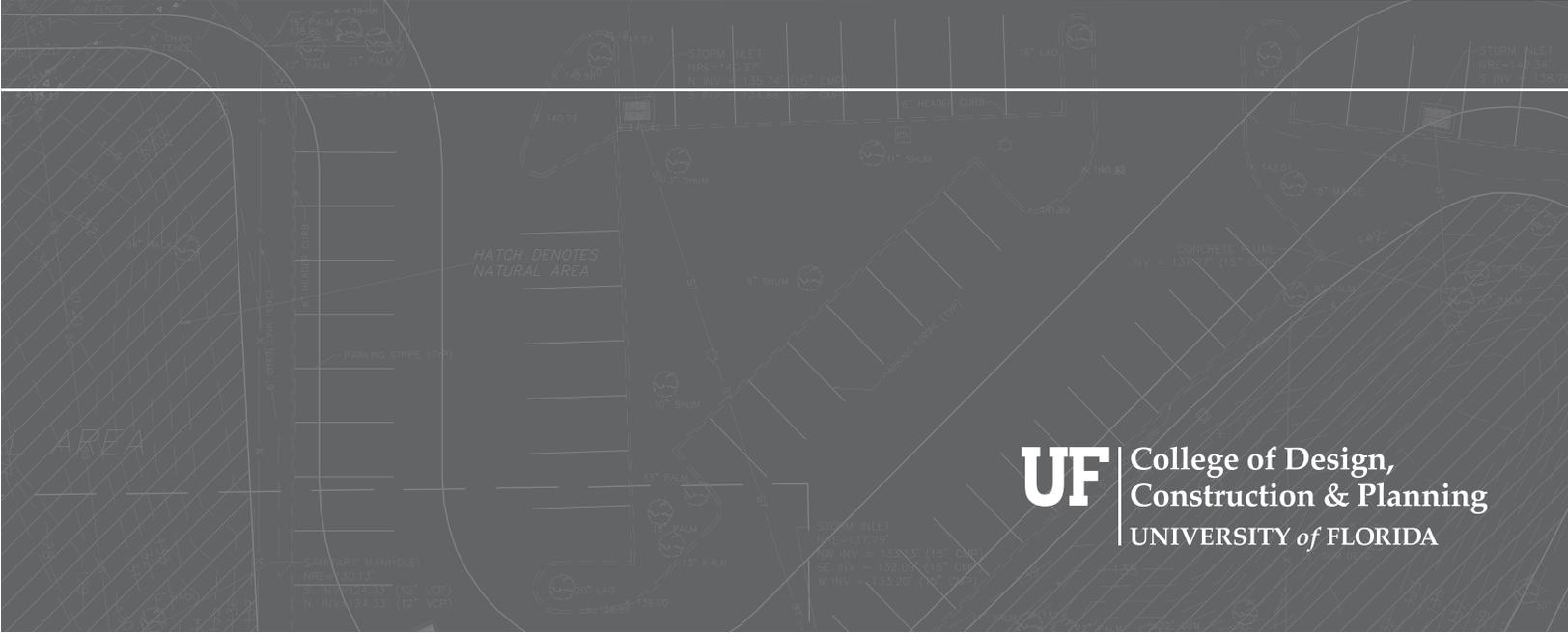


orange&blueprints

M.E. RINKER, SR. SCHOOL OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

Volume 78 Issue 2

Fall 2014



UF College of Design,
Construction & Planning
UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA

Orange & Blueprints

a bi-annual publication

Table of Contents

Messages from Dean and Director.....	3
Executive Committee.....	4
Board of Trustees.....	4
Featured EXCOM Member.....	5
Women in Construction	5
Lessons Learned.....	6
Alumni Memories.....	6
Regional Clubs	6-11
Alumni Working Together.....	12-13
Alumni Updates.....	14-16
Alumni in the News.....	16
Construction Hall of Fame.....	17
Distinguished Alumnus.....	17
BCN Athlete.....	18
Fall 2014 Career Fair.....	18
Field Trips & other student activities	19
Fall 2014 Welcome Reception.....	20
Homecoming.....	20
Spring 2014 Graduation Dinner.....	20
Fire & Emergency Services (FES).....	20-21
Recruiting Activities.....	22
Student Competition Teams.....	23
Sponsorships.....	24
Major Donors	25
Friends and Donors.....	26
Advisory Council.....	27
Faculty & Staff News.....	28-29
In Memoriam.....	30
The Charles R. Perry Construction Yard.....	31

Editor:

Kim Stanley

kimms@ufl.edu



M.E. Rinker, Sr.
School of Construction Management

304 Rinker Hall
PO Box 115703
Gainesville, FL 32611-5703
Phone: (352) 273-1150
Fax: (352) 392-9606
www.bcn.ufl.edu

Dr. Christopher Silver

Dean of the College of Design, Construction & Planning

Dr. Robert Ries

Director of the Rinker School of Construction Management

Dr. Jim Sullivan

Director of Undergraduate Programs

Dr. Edward Minchin

Director of Masters Programs

Dr. Ian Flood

Coordinator of Ph.D. Program

Dr. Charles Kibert

Director of the Powell Center for

Construction and Environment

Dr. Raymond Issa

Director of the Center for Advanced Construction
Information Modeling

Front cover photographs:

Left:

Board of Trustee Member - David Brandon page 4

2nd position from left:

2014 Distinguished Alumnus - Sean DeMartino page 17

Middle:

Featured Woman in Construction - Michelle Forte page 5

2nd from right:

Construction Hall of Fame - Harley Miller page 17

Right:

Construction Hall of Fame - Tom Miller page 17

Congratulations to...

Sallie Schattner for receiving the 2013-2014 Advisor of the Year Award for the College of Design, Construction & Planning. Sallie joined the Rinker Family in 1994 as a full-time staff member and has been in the academic advising position since 1998. For those who know Sallie, there is no doubt that she is deserving of this award. Sallie was presented this award at the Spring 2014 Commencement Ceremony. We are all very proud of Sallie and acknowledge the hard work, dedication and effort that she puts into taking care of our students.

Thanks Sallie!



A Message From ...

Dr. Christopher Silver, Dean



Over the past few years, the University of Florida has been preparing vigorously for its periodic institutional reaccreditation process. This is done under strict guidelines prepared by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (what we all simply refer to as “SACS”) and involves every piece of the university. UF took the SACS review process very seriously, and it required all of us to devote a lot of attention to it.

One component of the reaccreditation process is preparation of what they refer to as a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), which is intended to be a strategic initiative shown to advance the quality of the institution in the years to come.

The all-important site visit by the accreditation team occurred a year ago and it went smoothly. There were no serious concerns raised about the quality of education here at UF (not a surprise), and the final verdict indicates that we remain fully accredited (again, no surprise!).

The enduring impact of the accreditation process will be evident in how we carry out what was suggested in our QEP. The UF QEP focused on enhancing global connections, something our college played a part in setting down as the path to follow. As you may know, but it is definitely worth emphasizing, DCP is a real leader on campus when it comes to providing opportunities for our students, both at the undergraduate and graduate levels, to have meaningful (and professionally-enhancing) international experience while at UF.

Currently, we run international programs in all of our professional programs, with students having the chance to have experiences in more than a dozen foreign locations. We have semester-long opportunities in Vicenza, Italy (architecture), in Singapore (construction management, landscape architecture and urban planning), in Hong Kong and Sydney, Australia (construction management), in Indonesia (urban planning, interior design and sustainability) and in several top European universities (in urban planning). Moreover, we offer a variety of summer programs in China, Mexico, Brazil, Indonesia, France, Sweden and Singapore.

These opportunities are all geared toward exposing DCP students to professional challenges, norms and practices in strategic areas of the world, and to challenge them to develop and apply their knowledge outside of the comfort zone of Florida.

DCP plans to do as much as it can to enable our students to benefit from this UF initiative in global engagement. We hope we can count on our alums, as well as the parents of our students, to reinforce the importance of gaining global competence and to support DCP’s quest to fully actualize its own strategic initiative to be a global player here at UF.

Dr. Robert Ries, Director



In 2014, 53 students graduated with Bachelors, 35 with Masters, and 8 with Doctoral degrees. The 34 students who were admitted to the undergraduate program for the Spring 2015 semester have an average pre-BCN GPA of 2.99 and average SAT score of 1155. Overall, the effects of the slow economy are receding, and the admitted and graduated student numbers are recovering. The number of pre-BCN students has significantly increased. The job placement rate for Fall 2014 undergraduates was 100%, which is a number we

would like to maintain as the number of graduates increases. The average starting salary has remained steady at approximately \$54,400. One hundred and four companies with 241 recruiters attended the Fall 2014 BCN Career Fair in the O’Connell Center.

The BCN faculty have had a consistent year in teaching, research, and dissemination. Faculty wrote about 55 research proposals and received close to \$1.4 million in research funding, published more than 120 articles, of which 38 were in refereed journals, and made several presentations at national and international conferences. BCN faculty continue to be very active in the publication and dissemination of construction management research.

The Rinker School’s teams have had a very good year in regional and national competitions. In spring 2014, the LEED and Building Information Modeling (BIM) teams placed first nationally. The Concrete team, a new Associated Schools of Construction competition category, also placed first regionally while the Design-Build team placed second. Many thanks to the supporters of all the competition teams. Support, such as advising the team, as well as financial support for team travel, make it possible for students to experience a valuable element of their BCN education.

The Rinker School program began 1935 and is the oldest continuously running building construction program in the nation. 2015 marks the Rinker School’s 80th Anniversary and the Rinker School will recognize the anniversary at all events this year to celebrate this milestone. Eighty years have held many notable and significant experiences for the Rinker School. The Rinker School marked a new chapter when it unveiled updated signage with its new name – The M. E. Rinker, Sr. School of Construction Management – during the Fall 2014 Homecoming BBQ. We were grateful to have members of the Construction Hall of Fame on hand to help, including three new members inducted that day. Congratulations to Karl Watson, Sr. and Tom and Harley Miller, the newest members of the Rinker School’s Construction Hall of Fame.

The Rinker School’s alumni clubs have had a very active year, both in terms of the number of events and in the level of participation. We are seeing more and more alumni attend regional club socials and fundraisers. The alumni support for the Rinker School allows us to deliver the best opportunities to students. In the fall, the newly formed club in Houston, TX met to watch the UF-Kentucky football game. We are planning to expand the network and pursue other opportunities to form clubs. We are also planning outreach through the Advisory Council, and are planning to hold events that will provide an update on the school’s activities.

Last but not least, I would like to recognize Mr. David Brandon. David is a 1981 graduate of the Rinker School and is the University of Florida’s newest trustee, selected by the Florida State University System Board of Governors. Congratulations David Brandon, it is a distinct honor to serve on the UF Board of Trustees.

BCN Advisory Council Executive Committee

Since the last publication of the Orange & Blueprints, the BCN Advisory Council Executive Committee has met for both of its bi-annual meetings: April 25th at the Hyatt Regency Airport in Orlando and October 17th at Rinker Hall.

In April, the committee discussed the economy and how it impacts the construction industry and the Rinker School, recruiting students, regional club activities, and fundraising.

In October, the committee discussed ways to get the alumni engaged, recruit high school students into the program, updating current equipment and technology, the strategic plan for the Rinker School, regional club activities and fundraising.

The meeting started with an introduction of the transfer, freshman or changed major students who received a BCN scholarship. These scholarships are made possible by the regional club fundraising activities.



April's meeting attendees include: (l-r) Sean DeMartino, Dale Hedrick, Tom Sheffield, Bob Angle, Rob Springer, Matt Webster, BCN Faculty Dr. Rick Smailes, John Gooding, Erik Sharpe, Tim Good, Wayne Wadsworth, John Sofarelli, BCN Director Dr. Robert Ries, Doug Wilcox, Ann Baker, Earle Cooper, Rick Derrer, Jeff Nelson, BCN Faculty Dr. Edward Minchin, John Bennett, Chip Reid, and Sid Jordan.



Rinker School Director, Dr. Robert Ries (far right), presents John Sofarelli (middle) with a plaque in appreciation for his service as Chairman of the EXCOM. Wayne Wadsworth (far left) will become the Chairman in January 2015.



Rinker School Director, Dr. Robert Ries (far left) and John Sofarelli (far right), presents Paul Hardaker (middle) with a plaque in appreciation for his service on the EXCOM.



October's meeting attendees were: (l-r) pre-BCN student Jacqueline Cardoza, Harley Miler, Doug Wilcox, pre-BCN student Christopher Caplan, Tom Sheffield, John Gooding, Sid Jordan, Dave Schmit, Steve Palmer, Chip Reid, Jeff Nelson, David Brandon, Bob Angle, BCN Faculty Member Dr. Jim Sullivan, Dan Baker, John Sofarelli, BCN Director Dr. Robert Ries, Erik Sharpe, Tim Good, and Paul Hardaker. Not pictured were: Dale Hedrick, Christine Beaudoin, Sean DeMartino, John Bennett, Ann Baker, DCP Dean Chris Silver, John McIntyre, Domenic Scorpio, pre-BCN Student Alex Trudeau, Rob Springer, BCN Faculty Member Dr. Edward Minchin, and Earle Cooper

UF Board of Trustee Appointment



David Brandon, BCN 1981, founder of Brandon Construction Company in Palm Harbor, has been selected by the State University System's Board of Governors as UF's newest trustee. Brandon has expressed continued commitment to the university as a fundraiser and charter member of the M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Construction Management Advisory Council.

Brandon is a fourth generation Floridian and second generation UF Alumni. In 1983, he founded Brandon Construction Company of Palm Harbor and continues to serve as President and CEO. As a State Licensed General Contractor for over 31 years, he has been responsible for over 500 projects including high-rise condominiums, office buildings, retail establishments, educational facilities and medical facilities throughout the state. Luxury homes built by Brandon Construction are among the finest and most energy-efficient in the industry.

Brandon has a strong community presence, and has been appointed to multiple community boards. In 1988, he was appointed to the Palm Harbor Community Service Agency to guide in the development of Library and Recreation Services for unincorporated Palm Harbor. In 1997, he was appointed by the Florida Senate to serve on the Public Schools Construction Study Commission. The Pinellas County Commission appointed Brandon in 2012 to serve as a Board Member of the Pinellas County Local Planning Agency (LPA). He has served in various leadership roles including President of the Rotary, President of the Chamber of Commerce and Board Chairman of the Suncoast YMCA.

Brandon is also passionate about UF. During the Florida Tomorrow Campaign Initiative, he served as a member for the College of DCP Campaign Council to raise funds for the School. He serves on the College of Engineering Structural Wind Mitigation Design Advisory Panel and the Rinker School of Construction Management Executive Committee. He is a Member of UF's President Council at the Gold Level, a Member of the Legacy Society Alumni Association, Life member of the UF Alumni Association and a member of the Gator Boosters.

Meet Dave Schmit, BCN Advisory Council EXCOM Member



David (Dave) J. Schmit is a proud graduate of the University of Florida. In 1983, he graduated with a Bachelor and Master of Science in Building Construction. During his time at the University of Florida, Dave participated in numerous academic and leadership activities that formed the basis for his accomplishments in later years.

During Dave's time at the School, two memorable events shaped his future. The first was his involvement in the development and construction of handicapped ramps, a project assigned by Dr. Brisbane Brown. This opportunity to learn a craft, manage a complex project and deliver a product for a worthwhile cause shaped Dave's desire to support charitable endeavors throughout his adult life. The second pivotal event was being named a George R. Brown Scholar. This award provided opportunities that led to Dave's employment by Brown & Root as the first George R. Brown Scholar to join the company. Dave left Brown & Root and moved to Judge Development Group. During this time, he was responsible for building mid-rise office buildings, shopping centers and warehouses. Dave made a mid-career transition to homebuilding and community development beginning with the Tampa division office of US Home Corporation. He spent six months building houses before being called to become Vice-President of Operations in the Orlando office. It was there he developed a production model for rapid build custom homes, while leading the operational and marketing efforts. In 1992, Dave joined Atlanta-based Colony Homes as Vice-President of Operations, ultimately becoming President of the company. It was during his tenure at Colony Homes that he developed an integrated system for

managing the homebuilding process. This process became known as CHAMP (Colony Homes Applied Management Process) and was recognized as the first truly integrated database that tied sales orders completed by onsite sales agents to purchase orders utilized by Trade Partners and Construction Managers under a real time scheduling system. Under Dave's direction, Colony Homes grew and became part of the prestigious Builder 100 Group, composed of the nation's largest and most accomplished homebuilders. Dave left Colony Homes to join the senior management team at Morrison Homes, the nation's 30th largest homebuilder. Dave's expertise was called on to lead the strategic initiative to convert a national builder to an integrated operating database. Dave elected in 2003 to "retire" from the industry to devote more time to his family and local endeavors. He founded Marathon Land Company to use his expertise in developing high impact communities in and around the Atlanta market. Over the past four years, he also formed Macauley+Schmit to focus on town-center and transit-oriented projects. Dave is the lead project executive for the redevelopment of a General Motors plant in Doraville, GA to a mixed-use transit-oriented development.

He is a member of the UF BCN Atlanta Alumni Club. Dave's ongoing support for his alma mater include contributions of time, talent and treasure. He has financially supported the school and is an active participant and speaker in BCN classes, sharing his story and insight with future graduates of the Rinker School. He received the University of Florida's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2010.

Dave and his wife, Rena, live in Roswell, GA. They have two sons, Conner and Jared.

Women in Construction



Michelle Forte Young is the founder and principal of FORTE YOUNG INC. ("FYI") - a full service commercial construction company based in Orlando. She is a UF graduate who earned a Bachelor of Design in 1995 and Master of Building Construction in 1997. In her final semester of her undergraduate program, she was accepted into the Vicenza study abroad program and lived in Vicenza, Italy. While a BCN student, she was hired for an eight month internship with Holder Construction in Atlanta, GA and worked in their preconstruction department.

Upon graduation in 1998, Michelle moved to Orlando to start her career at a well respected, family-owned commercial construction company. As her career developed, she advanced from estimator to project manager to senior project manager. She successfully managed private sector projects including branch banks, data centers, grocery stores, pharmacies, churches, tilt wall flex-space and office buildings. In 2007, Michelle founded FORTE YOUNG INC. offering a broad range of services including preconstruction, general contracting, construction management, design-build, program management and owner's representative/project management. She became a Florida Class 'A' Certified General Contractor and LEED Accredited Professional. Michelle maintains 100% ownership of the company and is actively involved in every project.

In the private sector, FORTE YOUNG INC. builds for national clients on projects that include new commercial and industrial buildings, office renovations, tenant build-outs, retail space, infrastruc-

ture upgrades, amenities projects in new neighborhoods and more. In the public sector, especially when a project calls for minority/woman-owned business participation, FORTE YOUNG INC. partners with prime contractors and subcontractors on projects such as K-12 schools, higher education, hospitals, airports, courthouses, chiller plants, water treatment plants and roadways. Michelle is committed to delivering the highest level of service to her clients and has received the following awards and press:

Engineering News Record (ENR) Southeast

Twenty Under 40 Award | Recognizes 20 top engineers and contractors in the Southeast United States (FL, GA and the Carolinas) under the age of 40

Orlando Business Journal (OBJ)

Forty Under 40 Award | Recognizes 40 top business and civic leaders in Orlando under the age of 40

Orlando Business Journal (OBJ)

Women Who Mean Business Nominee | Two consecutive years in the "Up and Comer" category

The Big Idea with Donnie Deutsch (CNBC)

Featured Guest | Talk show which offered success stories that outlined a "Roadmap to the American Dream"

With over 17 years of active, hands-on construction management experience, coupled with strong relationships in the industry, Michelle has built the largest, most recognized woman-owned commercial construction company in central Florida.

Dedicated alumni shares his thoughts as he retires...

Written by Curtis G. Culver, BCN 1959

After 54 plus years in the lightweight concrete roof deck business, I have officially retired as of January 2014. As many of you know, I “retired” several times over the last 3-4 years only to be “coaxed” into returning to work as a consultant and working 3 days a week with my former employer, Procrete Systems of Pinellas Park, FL. It worked out very well for me to have 4-day weekends but at 76 years old, work didn’t seem as “fun as it used to be.” I decided it was time to “ride off into the sunset” and spend more time with my family and travel.

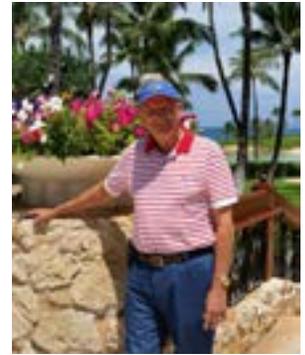
I have enjoyed my association over the years with the Rinker School and my friendships with both faculty and students. It was with extreme satisfaction that I was fortunate to have played a role in the fundraising and construction of our new building, Rinker Hall. Many of you old guys, like me, can remember the World War II Building that housed the Department of Building Construction in the late 1950’s where we all spent many hours in class with no air conditioning, only steam radiator heat, and cardboard like walls. Boy! What a difference the BCN students of today have with their first-class facility. As a founding member of the Advisory Board and Executive Committee, I have watched our BCN School grow and prosper over the years to what it is today. Thanks to many graduates and friends of the School, we now have an en-

dowment which helps us retain and acquire top-notch faculty and administrators to operate our School. The construction industry has certainly “stepped up to the plate” to aid and assist our School to become the “best of the best.”

I, and I am sure all of you, are very proud of our School and what it has meant to us throughout our careers. We are all very blessed to have been a part of this great School and further having the distinct pleasure of being Florida Gators from the University of Florida.

Before “signing off” let me thank all of my friends, associates, contractors and suppliers for their support and for allowing me to help make our construction industry a meaningful vocation for so many in building this great country of ours and leaving many landmark structures and buildings for all to enjoy and use for the years to come.

Sincerely & GO GATORS!



Lessons Learned

Written by Jim Kalemeris, BCN 1951

The project shown on the right is a picture of the construction at Johns Pass in 1988. The upper left shows the addition to the Friendly Fisherman Restaurant. The large slab is the second parking level. It was shored and the slab was post tensioned, which means that the slab had to be done in one pour. Otherwise, it would have to be torn down and re-done. I went to inspect the formwork prior to the pour and found that the shoring system was sloppy and dangerous. I fired the superintendent immediately which delayed the project 2 weeks to correct the shoring. The pour was about 1000 cubic yards and required 30 concrete trucks so it had to be done right. Johns Pass had two bridges and the trucks were going to use both of them coming and going. About halfway through the pour, one of the bridges wouldn’t come down and was inoperable. Fortunately, we were able to re-route the trucks to complete the pour. As the saying goes, “it’s all in a days work.”



BCN Alumni Regional Club Updates

[NW Florida Gator BCN Alumni \(Pensacola/Tallahassee area\)](#)

Dear BCN Alumni:

I am organizing a new branch of the University of Florida, Construction Management alumni network for Northwest Florida and I hope I can count on your participation and involvement.

The Northwest Florida BCN Alumni Club will cover the area between Pensacola and Tallahassee. The Club will aim to be equal parts networking, educational and fun while ultimately tailoring to the interests of its members. As with similar BCN Clubs in Florida, we hope to organize periodic social events which will likely be spread throughout our territory, including events in Pensacola, Destin, Panama City and Tallahassee. Typical events may include golf or fishing tournaments, gathering to watch Gator sports games, caravanning and attending Gator sports games or gathering at local restaurants with speakers to discuss new construction technology, means and methods, and even legal developments. Of course, the events will depend on the level of participation. The greater the committed participation, the better the events we can put on!

The purpose of this letter is to determine the level of interest from Northwest Florida BCN alumni members. If you believe you would be interested in joining, have a suggestion or if you would like to discuss the Alumni Club in more detail, please contact me at clay.whitaker@csklegal.com or on my cell phone at 407-456-4054.

BCN Alumni Regional Club Updates

Atlanta Gator BCN Alumni Club

The University Of Florida School of Construction Management Atlanta Alumni Club's

2014 ANNUAL GOLF BENEFIT

for the M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Construction Management



Thank you to our Sponsors. With your support we raised over \$65,000 for the Rinker School of Construction Management!

ORANGE & BLUE PARTNERS



FIGHTING GATORS



EVENT SPONSORS



FRIENDS OF UF



Thanks go to all of the alumni who took the time to complete our 1-year and 5-year survey and return it to the School. These surveys provided invaluable information for determining the progression of the alumni careers. Congratulations to William Ryan (BCN 2013) and Natasha Nageon de Lestang (BCN 2009) whose names were drawn and selected to receive a gift bag full of BCN merchandise.

BCN Alumni Regional Club Updates

West Palm Beach Gator BCN Alumni Club

Cemex and Hedrick Brothers Construction held their Fourth Annual Sporting Clays fundraiser on Saturday, January 25, 2014 at Cemex's leased facility in Hobe Sound, FL. Ten teams participated, consisting of:



of: Burkhardt Construction, Hedrick Brothers Construction, Balfour Beatty, Centerline, Kaufman Lynn, EDS, Baker Construction, Anderson-Moore, and 2 teams representing Weitz Construction.

With the help of alumni, they raised \$25,020 for the Rinker School of Construction Management. Burkhardt Construction once again sponsored the lunch which was prepared by Dan Turk. Centerline Construction was the breakfast sponsor, Suffolk Construction was our Clay Sponsor and Hedrick Brothers Construction was our Photography Sponsor. In addition, B & I Contractors sponsored the beverages, Rood Landscape sponsored the awards and the following 35 companies added their support as Station Sponsors: Power Design, Ryan Incorporated, Southern, DeeVan Inc, Lotspeich, Action Labor, Collinsworth



The first place team was from Centerline Construction. Shooters were Freddy Chesney, Mike Mills, Fred Chesney, and Glenn Pultz.



The second place team was from Balfour Beatty. Shooters were Clint Glass, Rick Z, Steve N, & Sean DeMartino.



The third place team was from Baker Concrete Construction. Shooters were Hans Rowland, Ray Southern, Dan Baker, and Dan Heaton.

2015 Fifth Annual Sporting Clays fundraiser

February 7, 2015

Contact Kim Stanley for more information.

Alter Lambert LLC, Walton Lantaff Schroeder & Carson, A Cut Above Landscape, Sands Construction, Atlantic Plastering, Templeton & Company, Jacobson & Associates Inc, CR Dunn, Aragoza Brothers, Rep Services, Terry's Electric, Rosen Materials, EDS Air Conditioning, Certified Slings & Supply, Malone Electrical Solutions LLC, Coastal Millworks Inc, Eddie Huggins Land Grading Co, Cassidy Air Conditioning, ProShell, Alpha Wrecking Group, Advanced Painting, Palm Beach Glass, Atlantic Doors & Hardware, Aspen Air Conditioning, & Crawford-Tracey Corp. Those who provided 2 Station Sponsorships were C & F Electric Inc, Bradford Electric & Southeast Mechanical Contractors.

Boxes of steel shot were available for purchase, as well as additional raffle tickets and 2 valuable silent auction items. Winners of the silent auction were Freddy Chesney from Centerline Construction and Dan Baker from Baker Concrete Construction.

The first place overall (shot 100) was Hans Rowland from Baker Concrete Construction.

Thank you to **Cemex** and **Hedrick Brothers Construction** for their contributions in making this event successful.

Houston BCN Alumni Group



On Saturday, February 13, 2014, a group of BCN Alumni who are working and living near Houston, TX gathered to watch the Gators play Kentucky. They had a wonderful time watching the Gators go into 3 OT and eventually winning! The tailgate was held at The Refinery which typically hosts the UF Gator Alumni Club so the house was packed with Gator fans!

The group plans to get together for future events, including the month-long rodeo that Houston hosts, as well as socials and tailgates. If you are in Texas and want to know what the club is planning, please contact Kim Stanley.

A HUGE thank you goes to Mike Clancy of FMI Consulting for sponsoring the event.



BCN Alumni Regional Club Updates

Central Florida Gator BCN Alumni Club

The Central Florida Alumni Club hosted another successful golf tournament in April raising over \$63,000 for the Rinker School. Thank you to all of the officers who dedicated many hours of their free time to coordinate this event and to all of the participants and sponsors who contributed to the event.

A HUGE thank you to **DPR Construction** for sponsoring the social.

In September the club hosted a social at the 310 Lake Side in Orlando. With more than 50 alumni, Dr. Ian Flood gave an overview of research at BCN and Dr Robert Ries gave an update on the School's activities.



Save these dates
 February 20, 2015 - Orlando Clay Shoot
 April 23, 2015 - Orlando Golf Tournament

Central Florida Gator BCN Club's 6th Annual Golf Tournament

2014 Golf
Tournament
Raised Over
\$63,000 for
the School!



Go Gators!

Special Thanks to All of Our Sponsors:

Grand Gator Sponsor:



Tee Party Sponsors:



Hole Sponsors:

- Altamonte Walls; Nassal Co.;
- Balfour Beatty Construction; Orr & Company;
- Castle Constructors; P&A Roofing;
- CraftWork, Inc.; Palm Beach Autographs;
- Gate Precast; PCL Construction Services;
- GMF Steel; Pece of Mind Environmental;
- J. Raymond Construction Co.; Prestige Concrete Products;
- JR Davis Construction Co.; Stowell Company;
- Kleensweep, Inc.; Taylor, Cotton, Ridley;
- Mader Southeast; UCC Group;
- Multivista; Wal-Mark Contracting

Lunch Sponsors:



Longest Drive / Closest to the Pin Sponsors:



Beverage Cart Sponsors:



BCN Alumni Regional Club Updates

North Central Florida Gator BCN Alumni Club



W.W. Gay team

The weather could not have been finer for an afternoon of shooting and networking at the 7th Annual North Florida Chapter BCN Alumni Sporting Clay event held May 16th at Bradford Sportsman's Club. Eight teams of 4 shooters made their way thru the 100 round course, attempting to beat their scores from last year, after a tasty lunch provided by Hill's BarBQue. The top shooter award went to Dwayne Hardee, of the Newmans Heating & Air Team, with a score of 99! Tied in second place with a score of 88 were Ed Newmans (Newmans Heating & Air) and Doug Wilcox (Scherer Construction of North Florida, LLC).

On September 20, 2014 the club hosted its 1st Annual Corn Hole Tournament. A Big Thank you goes to **BBI Construction Management** for being the Blue Gator Sponsor. Teams that participated include Whiting-Turner, Oelrich Construction, and Parrish-McCall.



Jacksonville Gator BCN Alumni Club

The Jacksonville BCN Alumni organized the Northeast Florida Gator BCN Alumni Club 2nd Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, October 31st at the Deercreek Country Club. The event was a success with over 70 golfers raising over \$20,000 for the Rinker School. Thanks goes to the club organizers for their hard work in putting this event together.

The sponsors of this event were:

Bull Gator Sponsor
Stellar

Grand Gator Sponsors
Brasfield & Gorrie
Haskell
The Conlan Company

Lunch Sponsor
Allstate Steel Co.

Drink Cart Sponsor
Batson-Cook Construction

Foursomes
American Enterprise Bank of FL
Barber & Associates
Batson-Cook Construction
Dana B. Kenyon
Faver Gray
Gate Precast
Gerdau
Miller Electric
Pond & Company
Tritt & Associates
Wiginton

Twosomes
JAX Refrigeration
Trane

Closest to the Hole Sponsor
WW Gay Mechanical Contractors

Hole Sponsor
Auld & White Constructors
Barber & Associates
Dana B. Kenyon
Gate Precast
Gerdau
Ivey Mechanical
Mackenzie Paint Contracting
Superior Construction Company
Thermal Construction Specialist



Early morning chatting before the tournament begins. Pictured left to right are Tim Good (BCN 1972) Haskell, Erik Sharpe (BCN 1995) Brasfield & Gorrie, and Michael Bourre (BCN 1999) Bourre Construction Group



Jonah Barth (BCN 2007) (Dana B Kenyon), Justin Cole (CSX Intermodal Terminals), Jeremy Isbell (BCN 1997) Dana B. Keyon, and Chris Chapman (BCN 2008) Dana B. Kenyon



Stellar Team: (l-r) Andy Lueck, Brian Kappeler (BCN 1998), Mike Santarone (BCN 1983) and Mike Smith (BCN 2010)



Steve Auld (BCN 1977) Auld & White Constructors, Erik Sharpe (BCN 1995) Brasfield & Gorrie, Steven DelValle (Brasfield & Gorrie), Anthony Siriani (BCN Student) and Rinker School Director, Dr. Robert Ries



The Haskell team won first place (again) with Terry White, Jobi Birr, Bradley Stone (BCN 2010), Todd Russell (BCN 1989). Presented by Ann Baker (DCP Development Officer) and Tim Good (BCN 1972)

Save the date
2015 Jacksonville
Golf Tournament
October 30, 2015

BCN Alumni Regional Club Updates

Tampa Bay Gator BCN Alumni Club

The Tampa Bay BCN Gators held the 9th annual Golf Tournament at River Hills Country Club. The tournament rose over \$22,000 for the Rinker School. The TBBCN Gators would like to thank everyone for all of the support, donations and participation contributing to the success of this year's golf tournament and we look forward to raising a record amount for our 10th annual tournament.

Save the date
2015 Tampa Bay
Golf Tournament
April 16, 2015

Tampa Bay Golf Tournament sponsors include:

Awards Reception Sponsor
Barton Malow

Bull Gator Sponsors
Angle & Schmid, Inc.
Batson-Cook Co./Cox Fire Protection
Brandon Construction
CEMEX
Clark Construction
Control Systems Specialists, Inc.
Cross Construction Services
Crossroads Construction Co.
Diaz Fritz Isabel, GC
Doyle Electric
Gerdau
Hawkins Construction
KHS&S
Nelson Construction
ONICX
Tampa Pavement Construction
Tappouni Mechanical
Universal Fire Systems
Wal-Mark

Trophy Sponsor
Clark Construction

Drink Cart Sponsors
Mill Rite
Ripa

Hole-In-One Sponsor
United Rentals

Longest Drive Sponsor
Springer-Peterson Roofing & Sheet Metal
Closest to Pin Contest

Power Design
Putting Contest Sponsor
Personnel Response Team



Team Barton Malow: Kevin Brown, Rod White, Chris Bailey, Eric Boe.



Team Nelson: Justin Berglund, Kirk Austin, Bryan Symanski, Leigh Lilla

The New Le Meridien Hotel, formerly the Tampa Federal Courthouse, was the site of the Tampa Bay BCN Gators Fall Social on Thursday afternoon, September 18, 2014. This event was also a kickoff for the TBBG's fall fishing fundraiser sponsored this year by Pat Walsh and his firm, Amprop Development.

Approximately 45 BCN Alumni and friends of the school enjoyed this event sponsored by Peninsular Mechanical Contractors and Angle & Schmid, Inc. Good friendships were renewed with some great appetizers and beverages.

Dr. Robert Ries and Kim Stanley made the trip from Gainesville to bring the latest news from the Rinker School and to acknowledge the many hours of volunteerism by the TBBG Directors. The School presented gift bags to six TBBG Directors that have volunteered with the club for 6 years or more. Those acknowledged were Paul Tappouni, Jason Spears, Andrew Wilbert, Chris Lucas, Jeff Nelson and Bob Angle.

The Tampa alumni group is celebrating 10 years since their inception in December 2004 as the first BCN Alumni group. In that time, they have raised over \$300,000 for the Rinker School.



The Tampa Bay BCN Gators held the 7th Annual Inshore Fishing Tournament on Friday October 10th out of Hula Bay in Tampa. The tournament turned out over 40 boats and raised over \$18,000 for the Rinker School!

Tournament winners this year were:

- 1st Place – Cemex (81.5" Snook/Red/Trout)
- 2nd Place – Omni Irrigation (77.5" Snook/Red/Mackerel)
- 3rd Place – Tri-City / Ajax (76.5" Snook/Red/Trout)
- Big Fish – Scott Henderson w/ Tri-City Electric (33.5" Snook)



Special thanks to Pat Walsh and Amprop Development for their Title Sponsorship.

And thank you to all of the tournament sponsors: Kiewit, Power Design, Inc., Wal-Mark Contracting, The PHM Group, Inc., Barton Malow Company, Flagler CE, Ferguson Enterprises, CQ Insulation, L & W Supply, Gilbane Building Co., Angle & Schmid, and New Age Reprographics.

Alumni working together

Engineering News Record (ENR) named Coastal Construction Company as its ENR Southeastern U.S. Contractor of the Year. Dan Whiteman, President, stated that the BCN Alumni who work at Coastal are all part of this recognition. BCN Alumni are:



Thomas Cobb, MBC 2010
 Brad Cochran, BSBC 1994
 Jorge L. Escalona, BBC 2005
 Vincent Griffith, BSBC 2004
 Lisa M. Hamilton, BBC 1992
 Luis A. Hidalgo, BSBC 1995
 Brian Lacusky, BBC 1989
 Zion Mass, MBC 2006

Mark Miller, BBC 1981
 Sean Murphy, BBC 1995
 Tom C. Murphy, BBC 1992
 Tim Neely, BBC 1984
 Russell Novak, MBC 2011
 Nicholas Rivera, BSBC 2005
 Eddie Smith, BSBC 1999
 Charles Spottswood, MBC 2010

James Starzinski, BBC 1982
 Tim Sterling, BBC 1989
 Samantha "Chiles" Vega, BSBC 2006
 Dan Whiteman, BBC 1969, MBC 1992, PhD 2002
 Mike Yahraus, BSBC 2001
 Howard Zoromsky, BBC 1974



A.K. Suter Elementary School



Morrette Company based in Pensacola, FL is constructing the A.K. Suter Elementary School for the Escambia County School District. The project is CM delivery and is 110,000 sf new elementary. BCN Alum on this project are **Michael Morrette, President (BCN 2003), David Del Gallo, Estimator (BCN 1976), and Gordon Gunn, Project Manager (BCN 1989).**

Jim Forrester, BCN 1993 (on right) and BCN Strudent Enrique Bejarno (on left) worked together on the Grove in Gainesville off of Hull Road. It is a \$14 million student housing development built by Campus Crest Construction.



KAST

1800 North Bay Village

ZOM Moda is a 285-unit luxury multi-family community, being constructed in the island community of North Bay Village, in the greater Miami area. Situated on 4.5 acres, the 8-story tunnel-form midrise enjoys 1,400 linear feet of direct waterfront, with expansive views of Biscayne Bay. The project is being developed by affiliate of **ZOM Development** and constructed by general contractor **KAST Construction**. Team members on both sides are graduates of the University of Florida's School of Building Construction. **Brett Gelsomino (BCN '06, MSRE '07) is Development Manager at ZOM. Nick Gomez (BCN '01) is Project Manager at KAST; Peter Supple (BCN '83) is Senior Project Manager at KAST; and Mike Neal (BCN '79) is President of KAST.** The project broke ground in August 2013 and is slated for completion in May 2015.

James A. Cummings, Inc. and Baker Concrete Construction, Inc. are working together on the New Broward County Courthouse, a \$178 million dollar, multi-phased project consisting of 741,000 sf, 21-story Civil and Family Courthouse, 500 car secure parking garage and a new public plaza. The project began in October 2012 with expected completion in summer 2016. The team consists of the following BCN alum:

John McDermott, Project Engineer BCN 2012 (JAC)
Matthew Carney, Project Engineer BCN 2013 (JAC)
Eric Squilla, VP of Operations BCN 1995 (JAC)
Dan Heaton, Project Manager BCN 2012 (Baker)
Roman Orofino, Field Engineer BCN 2012 (Baker)
Hank Sturges, Project Engineer BCN 2012 (JAC)



Alumni working together

Gator alumni are working together to bring active duty Army soldiers and their families a state-of-the-art, world-class hospital in record time. The existing Martin Army Community Hospital at Ft. Benning, GA was over 50 years old, uneconomical to operate and inadequate to serve the needs of the growing population. How could the Army complete the replacement hospital quickly, a task that would normally take 7 to 10 years using traditional methods? The Army embarked on a grand experiment, issuing a two-phase best-value Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Army's first ever firm fixed-price, design-build hospital with no bridging documents. The Design-Build RFP contained over 4,800 pages of design programming and criteria, but allowed only 1,200 calendar days to design, obtain government approval, and construct the world class Fort Benning Martin Army Community Hospital (FB-MACH). Proposers were given 90 calendar days to prepare their proposals and 30 additional days to submit a firm fixed price. Of the nearly 100 management staff working on the project for the design-builder, Turner Construction Company, and the government, the Army Corps of Engineers and the Health Facility Planning Agency, only 5 were Gators and 2 are BCN Alum. The brave Florida Gators were significantly outnumbered and deep in enemy territory. Project team member rivalries between the among AU Tigers, UA Crimson Tide, and GT Wrecks took tremendous energy, but the small dedicated group of Gators banded together to survive and prosper. **Martin Miller, BCN 1977** was the Project Exec and **Ryan Gleason, BCN 2011** was Project Engineer for design-build-

er Turner Construction Company. This unique project was managed with the latest techniques and tools. The project was designed from inception with a full-building BIM model, with drawings. Robotic surveying was used to translate layout from the BIM to the field, and to collect as-built data. Drawings and specifications were pushed to the field electronically over a wireless network on the site. Lean management techniques were taught in facilitated seminars for the benefit of all subcontractors and the government. Reverse pull planning techniques were taught and used, along with other lean initiatives. This exciting project was turned over to the government for initial outfitting and transition activities as planned on May 19, 2014. Working together, these brave Gators have succeeded in completing what is affectionately called the "Crown Jewel of Fort Benning", a new state-of-the-art world class hospital to benefit our brave soldiers and their families for decades to come. America's finest young men and women deserve the best healthcare available, and this team of Gators has delivered the goods.



NDC Construction has been working with a developer/owner/operator team to provide several new 58 unit assisted living facilities specializing in memory care. The 35,000SF(+/-) projects are built on an aggressive six month schedule. Three are currently under construction in Palm Bay, Sun City and Tampa. Previously completed projects are operating at or near full capacity (maximum 78 residents) in St. Petersburg, Bradenton and Sarasota. Over ten additional projects ranging between 58 and 200 units are planned throughout Florida with this repeat client. The project team for all the jobs includes UF grads Gary Huggins, (BCN 1976,) Kyle Huggins (BCN 2008) and Jordan St. Croix (BCN 2011).



Ajax Building Corporation began work in September 2013 on Heavener Hall, the \$23 million, 57,000-square-foot brick building that will house the undergraduate program of the Warrington College of Business Administration under one roof for the first time while providing 24/7 access for students. The photo (left) was taken in the Ajax Building Corporation Conference Room, located on the 3rd floor of Heavener Hall. The Dedication Ceremony was held on November 14, 2014. Ajax's core team for Heavener Hall (from left to right) are Wesley Wallace (Assistant Superintendent), Wayne Wallace (Superintendent), **BCN student Luke McLeod** (Assistant PM), Judd West (Operations Manager), **2007 BCN Alum James Marini** (PM) and **1985 BCN Alum Bill Byrne** (President).



Disney's FLO Project Team (l-r)
Steve Boyer, BCN 2008, WDW FAM
Tim Keating III, Gilbane
Travis Kolbjornsen, BCN 2006, WDW FAM
Brian Eaton, Gilbane
Bobby Anweiler, BCN 2001, Gilbane
Frank Tortorici, WDW FAM

FLO is Disney's Fourth Laundry Operation - the fourth textiles plant at Walt Disney World Resort. The FLO Project has a \$42M budget and 16 month construction schedule. The 129,000 SF textiles facility contains over \$10M in laundry processing equipment and is constructed utilizing tilt wall panels. The facility is built on a 47-acre site which includes 2 retention ponds of approximately 11 acres, which produce about 70k cy of fill, all of which was used on the project. The construction delivery method is IPD with a lean approach. From an operational performance standpoint, FLO will generate over 48 million pounds of laundry per year once it opens in spring 2015.



BCN Alum Travis Kolbjornsen and Steve Boyer showing their Gator pride!



Alumni Updates

Shields Clark, BCN 1963 - Shields retired from Hillsborough County in 1995 and works part-time in Temple Terrace, FL. He and his wife plan to travel more and are active in the Temple Terrace United Methodist Church where they sing in the choir.

Lamar Powers, BCN 1970 - Lamar just returned from a 2-week trip to China. He remarks "he couldn't count all the tower cranes. Buildings under construction are wrapped in mesh to prevent someone or something from falling. The Shanghai Tower, under construction, will be 2073 feet tall. The Three Gorges Dam is 600 feet high, 7661 feet long, took 35 million yards of concrete, and cost \$26 billion."

Timothy Milcich, BCN 1975 - Timothy has joined Folsom Construction Management LLC as Director of Preconstruction. Tim is responsible for preparing estimates and proposals, building relationships with organizations, educational institutions, business and civic leadership organizations. For over 40 years, the Folsom name has been a trusted one in the Central Florida construction industry. Their portfolio includes project categories such as office space, industrial warehouses, manufacturing & distribution centers, educational, multifamily, senior living, churches, municipal, and health care.

Scott Monroe, BCN 1975 - After working the past 37 years as a past Vice President, Project Manager, Estimator, and General Superintendent for several large construction management companies throughout the United States I am currently the Sole Member of Scott R. Monroe - Construction Management, LLC specializing in commercial and residential renovations on projects throughout North Central Florida.

Michael S. Greene, BCN 1978 - Michael is a law partner with Assouline & Berlow, PA and provides legal services in construction law, development law, real property finance and acquisition, and indoor environmental law. He serves as an Advisory Board Member for the UF Bergstrom Center for Real Estate Studies.

Jonathan Kurtis, BCN 1978 - In July, Jonathan celebrated his 30th year with Boston Properties (NYSE Symbol: BXP) who is the largest office building centric REIT in the US. He joined Boston Properties after four years with Clark Construction following graduation. Their properties include Prudential Center and the John Hancock Tower in Boston; Citi Group Center and the General Motors Building in New York; Embarcadero Center and the under construction Transbay (Sales Force) Tower in San Francisco; Metropolitan Square and Reston Town Center in Washington DC. During his time at Boston Properties, he was responsible for the construction of over 15 million square feet of office and residential properties. They regularly contract with Clark, Balfour Beatty, HITT Construction and Lend Lease to build out buildings. He met his wife of 35 years, Jodi, at UF. Their daughter, Elizabeth, graduated in 2008 with her Master's from UF and their son, Evan, while not a UF graduate, did attend a summer session at UF during college. In 2009, Jodi, Elizabeth and Jonathan endowed a fund providing Scholarships and Fellowships at the M.E. Rinker Sr. School of Construction Management. He states that his commitment to UF continues every day (they all have UF license plates). They are members of the DC Gators Alumni Association and own a home in south Florida where in the fall you will find them at the Old Key Lime House (Lantana) watching the Gators play football.

Dale Hedrick, BCN 1980 - Dale R. Hedrick, President and Founder of Hedrick Brothers Construction Co., Inc., has been appointed to a two-year term as the President of the Board of Directors for the Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Parks Wilson, BCN 1980 - In July 2014, Wilson & Company will have been in business for 20 years. Parks stated "it's hard to believe it was two decades ago when my wife, Amelia and I started this company from scratch using our life savings and personal determination. Our company has grown from a local generation contractor to a regional company operating in eleven states building medical, retail, offices and churches."

George Estes, BCN 1981 - George has been elected to the Board of Directors of Acousti Engineering Co of Florida. George went to work for Acousti Engineering directly upon graduation from BCN and has advanced from a Project Manager in West Palm Beach, to Branch Manager of the Fort Myers office in 1988, to Vice President and Regional Manager for the west coast of Florida. George is celebrating 32 years of continuous service with Acousti. He looks forward to expanding his role with the company and continuing to grow one of the largest specialty contractors in the country.

Dave Senko, BCN 1981, is now Executive Director of Construction for JGC America, Inc, based in Houston, Texas. JGC is a 86 year old company specializing in major EPC projects in the hydrocarbon, petrochemical, and process industries. JGC is currently engaged in several LNG and ethylene projects in North America as well as around the globe, each of which are multi-billion dollar projects. Dave directly oversees construction and related activities in the America projects - North, South and Central - while also supporting projects in Australia and elsewhere. Dave is leading efforts to establish a new BCN Alumni Club in Central Texas / Houston area.

Davood Samei, BCN 1982 - Davood is President and owner of Avida Custom Homes in the Dallas, TX area. He and his wife, Rozita,

George L. Seay, BCN 1985 - George is Chief Operations Officer and Co-Owner of Vanson Enterprises, Inc., and just celebrated 23 years in business. Vanson recently completed a 5 million dollar design/build facility for

Siemens Energy, Inc. near the Orlando International Airport. Based on LEED Gold green-building standards, the new 40,000-square-foot building houses state-of-the-art wind service training center, one of four Siemens training facilities worldwide. Located in Winter Park, FL Vanson Enterprises has completed over 1,000 projects for Walt Disney World.

Marcus Maya, BCN 1987 - Marcus continues his work as Senior Estimator at MC² in Atlanta Georgia. MC² has offices all over the United States and in Germany. On his off time, he enjoys traveling to many parts of Europe and South America. His last trip was to Havana, Cuba where he was born, after 50 years since his departure.. Other recent trips have been to Peru, Berlin, Brussels, Dublin, and Provence.

Robert Hatker, BCN 1995 - In July 2014, Robert became a Project Manager for the UF Facilities Department.

Mark J. Rubinstein, BCN 1995 - Mark is Senior Pre-Construction Manager at Stiles Corporation. He recently participated in the Python Challenge in the Everglades and he states that "while he did not find or kill any pythons, he did find an old locket near the site of some airplane crashes in the Everglades and has been the subject of Reuters, radio and TV stories about this find."

Chris Britton, BCN 1996 - Chris is Vice President / Division Manager of Brasfield & Gorrie's Atlanta Office. Chris recently worked on Atlanta's College Hall of Fame that was completed in August 2014.

Bennet Sebastian, BCN 1996 - Bennet is the founder of Sebastian Healthcare Realty which provides commercial real estate services to central Florida's healthcare community. He is also an active investor in the healthcare property sector and has completed numerous acquisitions and turnarounds of distressed medical properties. After graduating from UF BCN in 1996 he joined hospital builder Centex Rodgers and later joined Mayo Clinic Jacksonville as a construction manager before returning to UF and graduating with an MBA in 2002. His wife Divya was a member of the 1996 UF Women's Tennis national championship team and they have two daughters, Arianna and Annika.

Randall Dragon, BCN 1998 - Randall Dragon has been promoted to Vice President with Jones Lang LaSalle Project and Development Services (PDS) Group where he manages the Sustainability Practice for the Southeast Region. He manages LEED, Sustainability Planning and Programming for various client nationwide.

Phillip Reutebuch, BCN 1998, joined NDC Construction Company in February of 2014 as Chief Estimator. NDC is as a design-build development firm which also specializes in construction management and general contracting. Based in Bradenton, FL., NDC Construction has been in operation since the mid 1970's and is led by Ron Allen and BCN alum Gary Huggins. Notable projects completed by the firm include the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, Pittsburgh Pirates Training Complex (Pirate City), McKechnie Field improvements, Lakewood Ranch High School, Bradenton River Walk and numerous assisted living facilities. Projects currently under construction include a new clubhouse for the Pittsburgh Pirates, the Riversong Apartments and three assisted living facilities across the state. Phillip moved to Sarasota with his two sons Derrick & Jaden. Go Gators!!

Roan Waterbury, BCN 1998 - In December 2013, Roan received his Masters in Construction Management from Florida International University. Roan works for the Orange County Government Capital Projects Division as a Project Manager.

The law firm of Gregory S. Martin & Associates, located in Orlando, employs a team of BCN alumni to work on complex construction litigation cases. This past summer five BCN alumni worked together on various cases scattered throughout the country. The group included, founder, Greg Martin; partner, Frank Hild; associate, Scott Foss-Kilburn; and summer associates, Nick Moulos and Matt Anguilli. This group proves that even in the legal field the Rinker alumni base is stronger than ever.



Back row left to right: Matt Anguilli 2010, Scott Foss-Kilburn 2011, Nick Moulos 2011. Front row left to right: Frank Hild 2007, Greg Martin 1987.

Alumni Updates

Brian Cathey, BCN 2000 - Brian is President of Cathey Construction and Development in Mexico Beach, FL and he is currently serving as the Chairman of the Construction Industry Licensing Board for the State of Florida.

Mike Clancy, BCN 2001 - Mike has recently relocated to Houston, TX to open a new office of FMI Corporation which is a management consulting firm for the construction industry.

Matt Hendry, BCN 2001 - Matt just completed the nation's largest commercial net zero building in San Diego, CA for LPL Financial. He was Senior Project Manager / Program Manager for Cresa, who LPL hired to run the project. He was hired in July 2012 and was in charge of all aspects from design through construction including relocation and decommissioning LPL's existing 7 buildings. The building uses fuel cells to generate power onsite, an underfloor Air (UFAD) system for all employee floors and more than 2 miles of demountable distribution. All lighting is LED.

Timothy Rascher, BCN 2002 - Tim works as legal counsel for CB&I in Houston, TX which is the most complete energy infrastructure focused company in the world. Among the projects that he is working on is a \$6 billion liquefied natural gas (LNG) liquefaction and export facility in Louisiana. He previously worked for Permasteelisa, a global curtain wall contractor, where he worked on projects such as Tower 1 of the new World Trade Center (aka Freedom Tower) and Apple's new headquarters in Cupertino, CA.

Ashlea (Offutt) Murphy, BCN 2004 - Ashlea is in her 8th year as Preconstruction Manager at Stiles Construction in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. She and her husband had their first child in July 2014.

Robbie Gronbach, BCN 2005 - Robbie was recently promoted to Director of Preconstruction for Willis A. Smith Construction.

Ryan Anderson, BCN 2006 - Ryan and his wife Stephany are excited to have returned home to the state of Florida. Ryan has rejoined the team at Newbury North Associates in Naples, the area's premier custom home builder as an estimator. Ryan and Stephany return to Naples after a two years in Nashville, TN. While in Nashville, Ryan was involved with the Construction Leadership Council of the AGC of Tennessee, Middle Tennessee Branch serving as a member of the Board as well as a graduate of the inaugural class of the Construction Leadership Program in 2013.

Javier Castano, BCN 2006 - Javier will be relocating to Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo in early 2015. He is an officer in the U.S. Diplomatic Service and is currently posted at the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Keith Carr, BCN 2007 - Keith has recently taken a position with Merlin Entertainment PLC as Senior Project Manager based out of LEGOLAND Florida. He will be in charge of all new projects on-site.

Chris Arduengo, BCN 2008 - Chris married Susan King on June 8, 2014 in San Juan Capistrano, CA. Chris is a Project Engineer for Balfour Beatty and his wife is an attorney. The couple lives in Long Beach, California.

Chris Chapman, BCN 2008 - Chris and his wife, Nicole (UF BS' 2006), had their first child, a little girl, in October 2014.

Kyle Huggins, BCN 2008 - Kyle has been working at NDC Construction Company since 2008. He has been the project manager for several 58 unit assisted living facilities specializing in memory care; and is currently managing project numbers 4, 5 and 6 which are under construction in Palm Bay, Sun City and Tampa. Kyle assisted in the design and preconstruction phases of a new 120 unit split assisted living/memory care which has just broken ground and will be working with the architect and owner on a new 90 unit prototype.

Jordan Keen, BCN 2008 - Jordan started a new position as a Project Manager with Charles Perry Partners Inc. (CPPI) Diversified Projects Division in Gainesville FL. Jordan lives in Gainesville with his wife Adriana, 2 year old son and newborn son born in August 2014.

Chris Gray, BCN 2009 started working for NDC Construction Company in Bradenton, FL in 2012 as a Project Engineer. Chris was recently promoted to Project Manager with NDC and is beginning work on a facilities maintenance building and a chiller plant project, both for Manatee County government.

Adam Milner, BCN 2009 - Adam has been with Clark Construction since graduation and in May of 2012 relocated to New Orleans, LA to manage the procurement and coordination of all medical equipment associated with the \$875 million Southeast Louisiana Veterans Healthcare Replacement Medical Center. He was also responsible for management of the entire project schedule. In March of 2012 Adam was assigned to manage the construction of the \$110 million 120-bed inpatient tower on the site and shortly thereafter promoted to Project Manager. Adam is enjoying the opportunity to be apart of a project that is meant for the real heroes of our great country, the men and women of our armed services. He is also captain of the project's Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) team and in November they raised the most money of all teams participating in New Orleans. For the past year he has been President of the New Orleans Gator Club.

Rene Dulieu, BCN 1995 - Renee grew up in Barbados and came to the United States to study at the University of Florida in the Summer of 1990. After graduating with a degree in Building Construction in the Spring of 1995, he went to work for Stellar for about 10 years working up from a Field Engineer to Project Manager. He moved back to Barbados with his wife and kids in January 2008 to work for a company named Jada Builders Inc. He is a Senior Project Manager and currently working on a private marina project called Port Ferdinand. The project consists of 3 phases. Phase 1 is complete and consists of the lagoon excavation, all of the dock fronts and finger piers, a new draw bridge at the mouth of the lagoon, a pool island facility, 32 luxury condominiums, a gym, a restaurant, offices, a sewage treatment plant and a staff support building. Phase 2 consists of 14 additional luxury condominiums, a Spa and a Water Sports Facility. At this time, this is the biggest project underway with a value in excess of US \$100 million.



Brando Fetzek, BCN 2010, of NDC Construction Company in Bradenton, FL recently passed the Florida CGC exam in April and plans to apply to the licensing board in November. He was promoted to Project Manager in June on the Riversong Apartment Homes project, a 179 unit \$15.3M luxury apartment project along the Manatee River.

Michael Woolcombe-Clarke, BCN 2010 - Michael went to work for Balfour Beatty in Orlando in January 2011, and remained there until July 2011. During that time he worked on an extension to Gateway High School and the pre-con of Zellwood Elementary School, and he served on the business committee for the ABC. BB then asked him to move to The New Parkland Hospital in Dallas, TX. During his time there he was promoted to Senior Project Engineer, managing mainly masonry (CMU and Limestone), waterproofing (above and below ground), and specialties. Michael applied to law school, and was accepted into Cambridge at the beginning of 2014.

Nico Hohman, BCN 2011 - Nico recently began working as a real estate agent in Tampa, FL and founded his own residential development company, Hohman Homes.

Paul Segedin Jr., BCN 2011 - He recently joined Onshore Construction & Development, Inc. in Jupiter, FL as a Project Manager building luxury estates throughout Martin and Palm Beach counties. He is currently working on premier 2.66 acre ocean front lot on Jupiter Island next to the Jupiter Island Beach Club building a Mediterranean Estate with a 9,452 SF main house, a 3,256 SF guest house with a lap pool, and grass terrace steps separating the main house and the guest house. About 100 existing trees were relocated throughout the property. Each structure is built on auger cast piles because it is seaward of the coastal construction control line. An existing house, called the Cardinal House, was demolished on the site. The house was built in the 1920's and was owned by Georg W. Mundelein, arch bishop of Chicago. Paul is also working on other projects in exclusive communities such as the Bears Club in Jupiter, FL; Seminole Landing in North Palm Beach, FL and the Town of Palm Beach on Palm Beach Island building homes for successful businesspeople, celebrities and PGA Tour Players.

David L. Tavlin, BCN 1987 and **Timothy P. Milcich, BCN 1975** - David and Tim recently completed the Associated General Contractors Building Information Modeling (BIM) Education program and have obtained their Certificate of Management. They work at Crossroads Construction Co. which is a commercial general contractor and construction manager located in Lakeland, FL that performs projects throughout central Florida.

Michael L Miller, BCN 1980, and **Charles Norville, BCN 2008**, are working for Fluor on a \$12 billion expansion of Reliance's oil refinery near Jamnagar, India.

Matt Brown, BCN 1994 and **Bill Nassal, BCN 1994** - Matt and Bill are partners with the Nassal Company and have fun in the entertainment construction world. They just opened a new expansion for the Columbus Zoo, just finished the Harry Potter experience for Universal Studios in Osaka, Japan and are constructing a new aquarium in Fortaleza, Brazil.

Alumni Updates cont'd

Sean Dillon, BCN 1992, Bryan Capps, BCN 1989, and Jason Boffey, BCN 1997, practice construction law together at Moye, O'Brien, Pickert & Dillon, LLP, a boutique construction law firm based in Maitland, Florida. One of only fifteen U.S. law firms recognized by Chambers & Partners for its sophisticated, nationwide construction practice, the firm represents all types of construction industry participants, but its primary focus is serving national and international contractors on complex issues arising from horizontal and vertical construction projects ranging in value from \$100 million to more than \$4 billion. The firm's practice spans the heavy civil, commercial, rail, infrastructure, and industrial sectors, in all forms of project delivery, and across the spectrum of dispute resolution proceedings. The firm is currently engaged in high-profile claims and lawsuits throughout the Western Hemisphere. The firm regularly sponsors and participates in UF BCN events including, most recently, serving as Grand Gator Sponsor of the Central Florida Gator BCN Club's Sixth Annual Golf Tournament, which raised over \$63,000 for the Rinker School.

Tristan Lowry, BCN 2011 and fellow Alumni **Adam Phillips, BCN 1995** with NDC Construction Company have recently started a 10,800 SF Strength and Conditioning Building as well as a 22,500 SF clubhouse for the Pittsburgh Pirates at their spring training facilities - McKechnie Field and Pirate City located in Bradenton FL.

Photo on right is of **Bob Collie, BCN 1976** at the top of the Washington Monument in Washington, DC. The earthquake that was centered in VA damaged the Monument and the National Park Service closed the Monument right afterwards. Perini won the project in 2012 and started the repairs which included scaffolding the entire exterior. This facilitated the stone repairs that began May 2013. The scaffolding was dismantled in March of this year after all the repairs were completed and the Monument re-opened on May 12, 2014 to the public.



Alumni in the news

William A. Pinto, BCN 1973, received a Lifetime Service Award from the Atlanta-based Associated Builders and Contractors of Georgia, Inc. (ABC). ABC presented this prestigious award to Mr. Pinto for his support, involvement and commitment to the association and its members during his extensive career in Georgia's construction industry. ABC national's award-winning Construction Executive magazine. During his career, Pinto was involved in building some of Atlanta's most prestigious projects before retiring from the industry as president of Hardin Construction Company.



DPR Hardin Regional Manager Russ Brockelbank (left) presents ABC of Georgia's Lifetime Service Award to Bill Pinto (center) with ABC Chapter President Bill Anderson (right).



Longtime commercial builder **Rodney Kincaid, BCN 1958,** was re-appointed to his second consecutive two-year term as Chairman of Winter Park's Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals.



In July, Tritt & Associates, P.A., a Jacksonville construction law and business litigation firm, received the Leadership in Philanthropy award at the 2014 Excellence in Construction Awards hosted by the Florida First Coast Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC). **Arnold Tritt** is a BCN 1987 graduate.



Joseph A. Brown receives a Certificate of Appreciation from the President of the North Florida section of the American Association of Cost Engineers, John P. Orr.

Rob Maphis, BCN 1993, is featured in the May 2014 edition of the Construction Executive (ABC Publication). Rob provided input on "How does diversity in your workforce, partnerships or supply chain benefit your bottom line?"



Hedrick Brothers Construction Co., Inc., one of the largest, locally-owned construction management and general contracting firms based in Palm Beach County, was presented with the AIA Florida 2014 Builder of the Year Award at the American Institute of Architects Florida (AIA Florida) 2014 Annual Convention in Miami, Florida. Hedrick also received the 2014 Business of the Year Award at the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches Annual Business Awards Breakfast at the Palm Beach County Convention Center, West Palm Beach. **Dale Hedrick** is a BCN 1980 graduate.

Kirwin Norris, P.A. was recognized as one of the "2015 Best Lawyers in America". **Bruce Norris** is a BCN 1990 graduate of the Rinker School.

e-Builder has been named one of America's 5000 Fastest Growing Companies by Inc. Coming in at #2160 on the list, e-Builder was evaluated along with thousands of privately-held companies across the nation in order to determine the top 5,000 having the greatest increase in growth and revenue. Co-founder, Jonathan Antevy, is a **BCN 1994** graduate of the Rinker School.

The American Association of Cost Engineers (AACE) presented **Joseph A. Brown, BCN 1959,** with a special Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of Mr. Brown being the first member to be certified in Florida, and one of the first to be certified in the nation.

Chip Bachara, BCN 1982 was recently re-appointed by Florida Gov. Rick Scott to the Fourth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission. Originally appointed in 2011, Chip has chaired the commission since 2012. Chip was also selected for the 2015 edition of Best Lawyers in America for Construction Litigation. The founding partner of Bachara Construction Law Group in Jacksonville, FL, he is Board Certified in Construction Law by The Florida Bar and is also a Certified General Contractor, an American Arbitration Association-approved Arbitrator for complex construction disputes, and a Florida Supreme Court-certified Circuit Court Mediator.



Construction Hall of Fame

The M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Construction Management established the Construction Hall of Fame Award in 1980 to recognize the accomplishments of those distinguished leaders who have made a difference in our industry, the community and the University of Florida throughout their careers in construction. The inductees' names will be displayed on the "Hall of Fame Wall" of the School. We are honored to announce that Karl Watson, Sr., Thomas Miller and Harley Miller were selected and inducted into the Rinker School's Construction Hall of Fame for 2014 on October 18, 2014 at the Homecoming BBQ.

Karl Watson, Sr. was the President of Rinker Materials Corporation when the School was named in honor of Marshall E. "Doc" Rinker and he was also the Founding Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Advisory Council for the Rinker School. Karl retired in 2006 as the president and chief operating officer of Rinker Group Inc., a NYSE listed company. He had worked for Rinker Materials since 1965 and advanced through a series of positions culminating in becoming president of the company at the age of 42. Rinker Materials was one of the world's top 10 international construction materials companies supplying aggregate, cement, concrete, concrete block, asphalt, concrete pipe and other construction materials to more than 34,000 customers. Rinker Materials was purchased by CSR, a leading building materials company in Australia, in 1988. Watson remained with CSR until its demerger and the creation of Rinker Group, Inc. Rinker Group, Inc. was purchased in 2007 by CEMEX. Born in Pahokee Fla., Watson was educated at Georgia Military Academy and later, Palm Beach Community College and Stanford University. He was an American Free Enterprise Metal recipient in 2007. Within the construction materials industry Watson has served as chairman of Florida Concrete & Products Association, and served as a board member of both the National Ready Mix Concrete Association, and the Florida Transportation Builders Association. As a father, Karl instilled the same values in his son, Karl Watson, Jr, who has also served on the Executive Committee of the Advisory Council of the Rinker School and is now President of CEMEX, USA.



Tom Miller (pictured on left) and **Harley Miller** (pictured on right), brothers, and 1965 and 1969 graduates of University of Florida's School of Building Construction, respectively, established Miller Construction Company in 1973 in Fort Lauderdale, FL. They have completed nearly 500 projects for private clients in the industrial, commercial, healthcare, education, manufacturing, multifamily, hospitality and mission critical sectors throughout South Florida totaling over 7 million square feet and valued at over \$1.2 billion. Today, Miller Construction is one of South Florida's most prestigious supporters of non-profit, community-focused organizations. The craftsmen working on Miller Construction Company projects have received an unprecedented 359 quality Craftsmanship Awards from the Construction Association of South Florida, almost twice as many as any other contractor.



Tom and Harley have served proudly as Advisory Council Members of the University of Florida's M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Construction Management. Harley Miller is an Emeritus Member and received the School's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2005. In addition to their service on the Council, they have supported the school financially through a Lead Off donation in the campaign to fund for construction of Rinker Hall as well as a donation for furnishing and equipping the completed building. Tom and Harley continue their support and engagement with the School and College through their sponsorship of the Dean's reception in Broward County and recruiting at the School's career fairs. Miller Construction Company currently employs eleven University of Florida graduates.

2014 Distinguished Alumnus

The distinguished alumnus award is given annually to a graduate of the Rinker School who has graduated a minimum of ten years prior to the award, has distinguished himself/herself in a construction field, and has demonstrated consistent support of the Rinker School. The 2014 Distinguished Alumnus is Sean DeMartino.

Sean DeMartino has been with Balfour Beatty Construction since 1993. As President of Balfour Beatty Construction in Florida, he leads the business in developing its core markets throughout the state and the Caribbean. Projects include hospitality, corporate office, education, transportation, retail, mixed-use, criminal justice, public assembly, healthcare, and facilities for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Naval Facilities Engineering Command.



Sean is dedicated to the Rinker School of Construction Management. Since graduating in 1993 he has personally and professionally supported the school through monetary donations and service to numerous boards and events. He is a member of the Rinker School of Construction Management Central Florida Alumni Board of Directors, the Industry Advisory Board of Directors and the Advisory Council Executive Committee. He is also the Past President of the UF Alumni Regional Club-Orlando and Past Chair of the Gala that raised \$138,000 for the Club. He has been a lead recruiter for the University of Florida since 1993, a Bull Gator since 2006, and has been a member of the School's accreditation panel and a guest professor.

Sean has a passion for the construction industry and has been active in the Associated Builders and Contractors Central Florida Chapter since 1999, including positions as a member of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, the Legislative/PAC Committee, and as Chairman and Past Chair. He is also a member of numerous other industry and community organizations. Sean's enthusiasm extends to the community through charitable involvement with local organizations such as Junior Achievement of Central Florida, Give Kids the World, Howard Phillips Center for Children and Families and Balfour Beatty programs that directly benefit employees in need.

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.



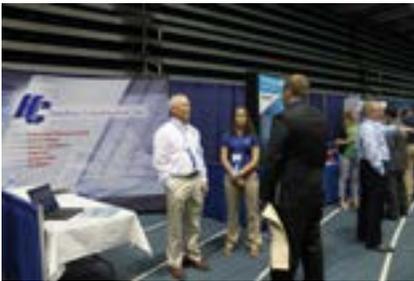
Written by **Daniel Piggott, BCN 2012**, UF Baseball Player

Since graduation (and during off season ball), I have worked with Springer-Peterson Roofing and Sheet Metal as an estimator on mostly structural steel remodel jobs. I have been very fortunate to find a growing company with fantastic employees. In fact, the owner of the company, Rob Springer, also played baseball at UF. Rob is very supportive in both my construction career and my baseball career. As for my baseball career, I expect to be in "high-A" with the Reds next season. As of a couple weeks ago, they will be in the town I grew up in, Daytona Beach! Needless to say my family and friends back home are very excited about the news. I got married last December to Gretchen (UF Public Relations alum).

Fall 2014 Career Fairs

The Rinker School held its Fall 2014 Career Fair in the O'Connell Center on October 28th. There were 103 companies in attendance, an increase from 75 in the spring. This is indicative of how the market has improved this year. Student and visitor attendance was approximately 240. As a result of the career fair and other job placement activities at the Rinker School, the job placement rate at graduation is 100% again for undergraduate students. Companies that participated in this career fair are listed below.

Save the date
Spring 2015 Career fair
February 10, 2015



Pictured on left: Clark Construction representatives Adam Milner, BCN 2009 and Sarah Earle, BCN 2012



Pictured on right: Hawkins Construction representatives Earle Cooper, BCN 1977 and Rachel Powell, BCN 2014

Acousti Engineering Company of Fla.
Ajax Building Corp.
AMEC Constr. Power & Process Americas
Archer Western
ARCO/Murray Construction Company
Auld & White Constructors LLC
Baker Concrete
Balfour Beatty Construction
Batson-Cook Company
BCB Homes Inc.
Beazer Homes
Brasfield & Gorrie
Brodson Construction
CB&I
CCK Construction Services Inc.
CCS Construction
CECO Concrete Construction
Charles Perry Partners, Inc.
Clark Construction Group
Coastal Construction
CORE Construction
Creative Contractors
Current Builders
D. R. Horton Inc.
D.E. Scorpio Corporation
Dade Service Corporation
David Boland, Inc.
DPR Construction
Edwards Construction Company
Elite Weiler
Evergreen Construction
FRSA Association
G.L. Homes
Gilbane Building Company
GLF Construction Corporation

Harmon Inc.
Haskell
Hawkins Construction
Hedrick Brothers Construction
Hensel Phelps Construction Co.
HGR Construction Inc.
Hill International
HITT Contracting
Hoar Construction, LLC
Hogan Construction Group
Holder Construction
Hubbard Construction Company
J. Kokolakis Contracting Inc.
J. Raymond Construction Corp.
James A. Cummings, Inc.
JE Dunn Construction - East
Juneau Construction Company
KAST Construction Company, LLC
Kaufman Lynn Construction
Kearns Construction
Kellogg & Kimsey Inc.
KHS&S Contractors
Kiewit
Kirwin Norris, P.A.
Klewin Construction
Liberty Concrete and Forming
Lithko Contracting Inc.
Manhattan Construction Inc.
McCarthy Building Companies
McIntyre, Elwell & Strammer GC
MCM
Meritage Homes
Mill Creek Residential
Miller Construction Company
Minto Communities

Moss and Associates
NDC Construction Company
Oak Construction Co.
Oelrich Construction, Inc.
Orion Marine Construction Inc.
Otis Elevator Company
PCL Construction Services Inc.
Piedmont Construction Group Inc.
Pirtle Construction Company
Plaza Construction
Pospiech Contracting, Inc.
Preferred Materials Inc.
Pulte Group Inc.
Robins & Morton
Ryan Companies US Inc.
Schmid Construction
Skanska
Stiles
Suffolk Construction
Superior Construction Company SE, LLC
Tandem Construction
The Beck Group
The Conlan Company
The Douglas Company
The Lane Construction Corporation
The Weitz Company
The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company
Turner Construction Company
Walbridge
Walt Disney Imagineering
Walt Disney World - Campus Recruitment
WCI Communities
WELBRO Building Corporation
Williams Company

Field Trips, Class Exercises & Club pictures



United Rentals taught two training classes for the students: (1) Trenching & Excavation Competent Person and (2) Confined Space Safety. The courses were provided free to the students. The courses were taught by Jason Mozo and Lewis Kaplan.



The Comprehensive Estimating graduate class visited the Heavener Hall construction project being constructed by Ajax Building Corporation near the corner of SW 13th Street and University Avenue. The visit took place on March 25, 2014 and Jordan Wise (Assistant Project Manager, BCN 2010) provided a comprehensive tour of the building and highlighted the interesting features of the project. Heavener Hall is an undergraduate classroom building for the Warrington College of Business Administration. It is 55,000 SF in size with an approximately \$18 million construction budget. The project is scheduled to be substantially complete by September 2014. Special thanks go to Ajax Building Corporation for allowing the visit, James Marini (Project Manager, BCN 2007) for coordinating the visit, and Jordan Wise for providing a guided tour of the project.



BCN Students tour the UF-400 - Cypress Hall, Single Student Housing project. The new residence hall will increase the number of beds available to undergraduate students (255 beds). These additional beds will accommodate the increased demand from first-time in college students' requests for campus housing as well as students wishing to move to campus housing from off-campus, and will minimize the amount of overflow housing. The project is being constructed by Charles Perry Partners Inc.



Superior Construction hosted the Heavy Civil Competition Team and the FTBA Student Chapter in October. The group toured the SR-9 project in Jacksonville. A BIG thank you goes to the Superior for providing this opportunity. Cannon Gaskin (BCN 2013) and Jeremy Andrews (CE 2001) were gracious hosts.



GLF Construction hosted the Heavy Civil Competition Team and the FTBA Student Chapter. The group toured the Veterans' Expressway project just north of Tampa. A BIG thank you goes to the GLF team of three Gators: Mike Hill (BCN 1988), Andrew Kinnear (BCN 2009) and Jack Burch (CE 2011)



BCN Students ABC Student Club Bowling Tournament and Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest.



BCN's 2nd Annual Kickball Tournament at Dr. Paul Oppenheim's farm



The Senior 2's complete their education at BCN with a Capstone class. Dr. Smailes invites industry representatives to evaluate the final presentations. Special thanks for the following judges for generously giving us their time to be a judge for the Capstone class.

Pictured on the left are (l-r): Dr. Rick Smailes, Matt Pinkoson (BCN 2001), Tim Becker (UF Bergstrom Center for Real Estate Studies), James Marini (BCN 2007), Jeff Lajza (BCN 1998), and Kellie Bryant (BCN 2003)

Fall 2014 Welcome Reception —

The Rinker School hosted its Fall 2014 Welcome Reception at Rinker Hall on Thursday, September 4, 2014 with nearly 100 students and faculty in attendance. The student clubs set up tables and a social hour with the new students before the presentations began. Presentations were made by BCN faculty & staff on the BCN programs for international exchange, job placement internships, 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 HUGE thank you to Holder Construction for sponsoring the Welcome Reception.

Spring 2014 Graduation Dinner

The Rinker School held its graduation dinner on Friday, May 2nd at the Florida Museum of Natural History. Awards and/or recognition were given to the 2014 Distinguished Alumnus, Student Academic Excellence, Student Leadership Award, Instructional Excellence, and the Nancy Perry Award for Teaching Excellence. Everyone had a great time and the School will greatly miss this group of students.



Jacob Weiss (left) and Caleb Eiler (right) were both selected for the Student Leadership Award



Dr. Robert Ries (left) presented the Nancy Perry Teaching Excellence Award to Dr. Ravi Srinivasan (right).



BCN Graduates Chris Sullins (left) and Braxton Skinner (right) present Dr. Paul Oppenheim with the Graduating Seniors Teaching Appreciation Award



Dr. Robert Ries (left) presents the Academic Excellence Award to Gavin Hancock (right).

Homecoming 2014 —

On Saturday, October 18th, BCN held its annual Homecoming BBQ. Nearly 200 alumni and friends of the Rinker School gathered on the front lawn to celebrate the official name change to the Rinker School of Construction Management, watch the induction ceremony for the Construction Hall of Fame, and connect with fellow alum and friends.



Past and new inductees of the Hall of Fame revealed the new name of the Rinker School.

Pictured from left to right:
 Karl Watson, Sr. - 2014 inductee
 Harley Miller - 2014 inductee
 Tom Miller - 2014 inductee
 Steve Palmer - 2009 inductee
 Chip Reid - 2005 inductee
 Bob Angle - 2012 inductee

A HUGE thank you to Springer-Peterson Roofing & Sheet Metal for sponsoring the Graduation Dinner.



Congratulations FES Graduates for Spring and Summer 2014



Back Row (l-r): Michael Grove, Jeffrey Lane, Barry Wilson, Jason Bell
 Front row (l-r) Jordan Sammons, Timothy Gipe, James Minor, Anthony Saunders



Robert Rivenbark

Fire & Emergency Services (FES) Program

Advisory Council Meeting



Attendees include: Jeff Lane, Mark Womack, Dr. Robert Ries, Dr. Jeffrey Lindsey, Lorie Drewke, Kenneth Allen, Dr. Barbara Klinensmith, Jaime Green, Bill Wentlandt, Sammy Ewalt, Joanne Rice, and Rand Napoli

legiate emergency services degree program meets the minimum standards of excellence established by the Fire & Emergency Services Professional Development committees and the National Fire Academy (NFA).

The expanded course offerings will create specializations to include Emergency Management in addition to Fire & EMS. Dr. Lindsey, Lorie Drewke (undergraduate advisor), and Dottie Beaupied (graduate advisor) have made significant recruiting efforts at various tradeshows. Upcoming shows include Fire Rescue East, EMS Today, FDIC and the National Hurricane conference.

New Master's Degree

We are pleased to announce that the new Master's degree in Fire and Emergency Sciences with a focus on disaster management is accepting admission applications. The first students were admitted and enrolled fall 2014. The Master of Science in Fire & Emergency Sciences (MSFES) is a distance education, advanced degree program intended to prepare students to assume upper-level (ES/DM) management responsibilities in a multi-agency organization. A four course graduate certificate in Disaster Management is also available.

China Trip

FES is currently planning a trip to China in October 2015 with a symposium in Beijing and stops in Shanghai and the Three Gorges Dam. This study/travel program is designed for U.S. professionals to meet their international counterparts and exchange best practices, technologies and research. Enrolled students, both graduate and undergraduate, earn 3 credits. The course work will be covered during the trip with students presenting in China, and completing a report upon arrival back in the U.S. Those interested may also attend without registering for academic credit. Contact Dr. Lindsey at jeffrey.lindsey@ufl.edu



National Hurricane Conference

Lorie Drewke and Dottie Beaupied attended the National Hurricane Conference in Orlando in April, 2014. Pictured here is Dottie with Craig Fugate, the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) since 2009. Mr. Fugate is from Gainesville and is a long-time Gator, having served as the Emergency Manager for Alachua County and then as the Director for the Florida EM Division.

New Faculty

FES welcomes four new FES adjuncts to the program:

Reginald Freeman has an MS in Executive Fire Service Leadership and is currently working toward his doctorate. He resides in Ft. Worth, TX and is Fire Chief at Lockheed Martin-Air Force Plant 4. Mr. Freeman specializes in undergraduate fire science curriculum. He is a published author and a state, national, and international speaker.



Keith A. Monosky has a doctorate in Health Policy and is currently director of the EMS Paramedicine Program and tenured professor in the Department of Nutrition, Exercise, and Health Sciences at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Washington. Dr. Monosky is a medical subject matter expert for the Department of Homeland Security Disaster Planning Education and a past instructor for the U.S. Department of Safety Protection Details and FBI Hostage Rescue Team in medical content. He has extensive teaching experience in Paramedicine, leadership, professional development, research, EMS management, and health policy.



Christopher Reynolds, who has a PhD in Education, is currently Division Chief and Shift Commander at Hillsborough County Fire Rescue. He recently retired from the US Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel, having supported the FEMA Incident Support Team at the Oklahoma City Bombing in 1995, provided support during the JTF Haitian Earthquake, and was among the first mobilized in the aftermath of the September 11 attacks in 2001.



James Weed has an MS in Public Safety Executive Leadership and spent 25 years in the Fire Service, retiring as department Chief. His specialties include Emergency Management planning and policy, as well as Homeland Security. Weed has built public and private partnerships between citizens and the public safety community, investigated major fire and emergency management incidents for the US Fire Administration, and developed a Mobile Command and Communication Unit providing communication to first responders from all sectors of government. He is currently an Associate Professor of Emergency Management and Homeland Security at the University of Maryland.



Critical Care Paramedics (CCP)

The Florida Department of Health Emergency Medical Services (HEMS) Program recognized Derek Hunt, the UF Critical Care Paramedic Program Coordinator and ShandsCair Flight Paramedic, as the EMS Educator of the Year in the State of Florida for 2014. This award recognizes EMS educators who have assumed a leadership role and made a positive contribution to EMS education in the community, state, or nation. The CCP certificate program is co-sponsored by ShandsCair and the Rinker School's FES Program.



Recruiting Activities

The Rinker School faculty, staff, students, and alumni are combining efforts to recruit new students into the school. Some of the efforts are listed below.

On July 7th, the Rinker School hosted students from the College Reach-Out Program (CROP). The CROP program provides Florida High School students the opportunity for an inside look at college life. Students visit various colleges/schools and also learn what it will take for them to attend an institute of higher learning.

On Sept 15th, students enrolled in the "Introduction to BCN Class" were exposed to different labs that the faculty conduct and toured Rinker Hall. Pictured on the right, Dr. Oppenheim is using an infrared camera to show how heat transfers in low-e glass.



Dr. Russell Walters attended the Suncoast Community High Schools 7th Annual Career Showcase in December. 2013 BCN Alum, Alex Roeder, was recruiting new students alongside Dr. Walters.



Academic Advisor Sallie Schattner recruiting students at the UF Open House for high school students on November 24th.

ACE Mentor Program

On April 17th, the Rinker School invited the ACE-Gainesville students to tour Rinker Hall, take a campus field trip, and experience some of the labs that the School offers. This was in addition to the normal weekly meetings between faculty members and ACE Students in Gainesville.



Request for Alumni to visit their local high schools to spread the word about a career in Construction Management

It is hard to believe but 7th and 8th grade students are now preparing to attend college. In middle school students are encouraged to take high school courses such as algebra, participate in extracurricular activities and community services, and to begin thinking about their interests and identifying careers.

Engineering, Architecture, and Business are well-known degrees but most people are not aware of a career in construction management much less that a degree is needed for the profession. The Rinker School is requesting your assistance in spreading the word about the field of construction management. We need you to share with students your experiences and encourage them to consider a career in construction management.

The best way to accomplish this is to have our alumni visit their local high schools and conduct lunch room seminars, question/answer sessions for students or meet with the guidance counselors. Our alumni are the best examples to encourage students to enter the construction industry.

If you are interested in visiting your local high school, please contact Sallie Schattner, sallieas@ufl.edu for materials to take with you.



This summer the Rinker School hosted the 2nd Annual ACE Summer Camp. The twenty campers stayed in nearby dorms from July 27th-August 1st and each day they experienced field trips, labs, and exercises provided by the Rinker School, the School of Architecture and Department of Interior Design, and Mechanical and Civil Engineering. Pictured below is the ACE group and advisors.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SUMMER 2014 PHD GRADUATES. (L-R) DR. JIA NIU, DR. ADEEBA RAHEEM, AND DR. RODRIGO CASTRO-RAVENTOS PICTURED WITH DR. RAYMOND ISSA (BCN PROFESSOR), AND DR. ROBERT RIES (BCN DIRECTOR),



Student Competition Teams



In Spring 2014, the LEED Team won 1st Place at the ASC Region 6 & 7 Open (National) Competition in Reno, NV. A BIG thank you to **DPR Construction** for sponsoring the team.

LEED Team Members were:
back row, left to right - Max Welch, Andrew Entsminger, John Mouw
front row, left to right - Chris Tatum, Taylor Greer, Griffin Isabel



In Spring 2014, the BIM Team won 1st Place at the ASC Region 6 & 7 Open (National) Competition in Reno, NV. A BIG thank you to **Turner Construction** for sponsoring the team.

BIM Team Members were:
back row, left to right - Jeremy Melendez, Michael Goodwin, Zack Smolich, Chad Monroe, Dr. Raymond Issa
front row, left to right - Marija Magoc, Michael Boykin, Tommy Powell



In Fall 2014, the Concrete Competition Team won 1st Place at the ASC Region Competition in Greensboro, NC. A BIG thank you to **Baker Concrete Construction** for sponsoring the team.

Concrete Team Members were:
back row, left to right - Dr. Jim Sullivan, Zach Smolich, Jon Freshour, Andrew Entsminger, Wayne Dahlberg, Brantley Willis
front row, left to right - David Van Norman, Lee Kenzel



The Design Build Competition Team competed and placed second in the Fall 2014 ASC Region II Competition in Greensboro, NC. a BIG thank you to **Haskell** for sponsoring the team.

Design Build Team Members were:
left to right - Davis Ferguson, Michael Slater, Dr. Lucas, Alfredo Espinosa, Mark Blannar, Michael Goodwin, Jeremy Melendez, Samantha Leonard and Kiara Sims



The Construction Management team competed in the Fall 2014 ASC Regional II competition in Greensboro, NC. A BIG thank you goes to **Balfour Beatty Construction** for sponsoring the team.

Team members were:
left to right - Jordan Gray, Trent Swa, Kaley Rhodes, Corey Runte, Marc Miller and Henry Tacker.



The Heavy Construction competition team competed in the Fall 2014 ASC Regional II competition in Greensboro, NC. A BIG thank you goes to **Nelson Construction** for sponsoring the team.

Team members were:
left to right - Andrew Maniotis, Michael Ferrer, Cody West (ENG student), Will Moor, Trevor Daley McMillin (ENG student), Paul Bevis, Tommy Cook, Keith McConville, and Yuanxin "Alex" Zhang.

1935 - 2015

TO CELEBRATE 80 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE IN CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION, WE WILL HOST CELEBRATIONS THROUGHOUT FLORIDA (MIAMI, WEST PALM BEACH, JACKSONVILLE, ORLANDO, FT. MYERS, GAINESVILLE, TAMPA), ATLANTA, HOUSTON, WASHINGTON DC AND NEW YORK. WE HOPE THAT ALL OF OUR ALUMNI WILL JOIN US AT THE EVENT IN YOUR AREA. PLEASE CONTACT KIM AT KIMMS@UFL.EDU FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND SCHEDULE.

Sponsorships

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

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

The following is a list of events and the cost for sponsorship:

<u>AVAILABLE SPONSORSHIPS</u>		
Fall 2015	Graduation Dinner	\$6,500
Fall 2015	BCN Newsletter	\$8,000
Fall 2015	Welcome Reception	\$3,500
Spring 2016	NAHB Competition Team	\$5,000
Fall 2017	Homecoming BBQ	\$5,000

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

<u>UPCOMING SPONSORSHIPS</u>		<u>Homecoming BBQ</u>	
<u>Graduation Dinner</u>		Fall 2014	Clark Construction
Fall 2014	Clark Construction	Fall 2015	Hedrick Brothers Construction
Spring 2015	Balfour Beatty Construction	Fall 2016	Current Builders
<u>Welcome Reception</u>		<u>NAHB Competition Team</u>	
Spring 2015	J. Raymond Construction	Spring 2015	Clark Construction
<u>BCN Newsletter</u>		<u>Roofing Competition Team</u>	
Fall 2014	Balfour Beatty Construction, CEMEX	Spring 2015	FRSA Association
Spring 2015	Balfour Beatty Construction, CEMEX	<u>Concrete Competition Team</u>	
		Fall 2014	Baker Concrete

Previous Sponsors Special thanks to our past event sponsors.

Homecoming BBQ

- 2010 - Hawkins Construction
- 2011 - Current Builders
- 2012 - Hardin Construction
- 2013 - James A. Cummings

Graduation Dinner

- 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

Welcome Reception

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

BIM Competition Team

- Spring 2010 - present - Turner Construction

Commercial Team

- (1998 - present) Balfour Beatty

Design-Build Team (ASC)

- (2002-present) Haskell Company

Design-Build Team (DBIA)

- Fall 2014 Stellar

Heavy Construction Team

- (2006-present) Nelson Construction

ABC Competition Team

- Spring 2010-ANF Group, Tri-City Electric Co., Lotspeich Co. of Florida, William R. Nash, Inc., and Florida Gulf Coast Chapter of ABC
- Spring 2011-present ANF Group and Florida Gulf Coast Chapter of ABC

NAHB Competition Team

- 2010 - National Housing Endowment and Paul & Laura Dickert
- 2011 - National Housing Endowment
- 2012 - Coastal Construction

LEED Competition Team

- Spring 2010 - James A. Cummings
- Fall 2010 - Clancy & Theys
- Fall 2011 - Coastal Construction
- Spring 2012 - current - DPR Construction

Major Donor Companies

Major donor status shows our appreciation to the companies who have contributed generously to the Rinker School. Major Donors are provided the following recruiting advantages:

All Major Donors 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 have 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 are given priority for interviews and seminars 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

Major Donor Registration Fee:

Bronze Level

For a booth including two (2) recruiters/company representatives....\$500

For each additional recruiter/company representative.... add \$250 each

Silver Level

For a booth including two (2) recruiters/company representatives....\$300

Add one (1) additional recruiter/company representative free of charge.

For each additional recruiter/company representative.... add \$200 each

Gold Level

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:

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

Silver: Companies who have contributed \$50,000 or more to the Rinker School of Construction Management over the preceding 10 years.

Gold: Companies who have contributed \$100,000 or more to the Rinker School of Construction Management over the preceding 10 years.

Major Donors as of July, 2013

Gold (\$100K or more in last 10 years)

Baker Concrete
Balfour Beatty
CEMEX USA
Clark Construction Group
Fluor Foundation
Holder Construction
J. Raymond Construction
Walker & Company

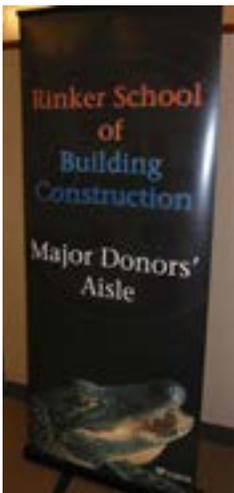
Silver (\$50K or more in last 10 years)

Angle & Schmid
Brasfield & Gorrie
Charles Perry Partners, Inc.
Coastal Construction
Current Builders
DPR Construction
Haskell Company
Hedrick Brothers
James A. Cummings, Inc.
McIntyre Elwell & Strammer GC
Miller Construction
Stiles Corporation

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

Acousti Engineering of FL
ANF Group Inc.
Burkhardt Construction
Clancy & Theys Construction
David Nelson Construction
Gerdau Ameristeel
GL Homes
Hawkins
Juneau Construction Company
Kiewit
Markel-Eagle Partners LLC
Skanska USA Building Inc.
Springer-Peterson Roofing & Sheet Metal
Stellar
Suffolk Construction
TGSV Enterprises
The Conlan Company
The Weitz Company
Turner Construction Co.

Below are photos of the Major Donor Reception at Rinker Hall.



Thank You

Thank you to ALL who donated to the M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Construction Management General Fund (January - July 2014):

1952

Mr. James G. Foster, Jr.

1953

Mr. Dan T. Barnes, Sr.

1955

Mr. Paul C. Gips

Mr. Arthur H. Brawn

1956

Mr. Robert S. Bird

1957

Mr. Giralmo J. DiChiara

Mr. Myron L. Corets

1958

Mr. Richard R. McLaughlin

1959

Mr. Raymond D. Christensen

Mr. Edward A. Proefke, Sr.

1964

Mr. Gary L. Bruehler

Mr. Clifford A. Hammer

Mr. Robert F. Santamaria

1965

Mr. Donald H. Conkling III

1966

Mr. Ronald E. Anderson

Mr. John J. Eckerle, Jr.

Mr. John R. Kiker III

Mr. M. William Rochat

1967

Mr. Ronald H. Foster, Sr.

Mr. Roger A. Humphreys

Mr. Frederick W. Switzer

1969

Mr. Robert B. Edwards

Mr. Dale T. Townsend

Mr. Dominick J. Jattuso

1970

Mr. Clifton J. Derrick II

Mr. William G. Fischer

1971

Mr. Raymond H. Antosh

Mr. Timothy R. Curington

Mr. John A. McPhaul

Mr. J. Mozell Payne, Jr.

1973

Mr. Phillip G. Griffith

Mr. Karl E. Weis

Mr. Robert W. Caldwell III

Mr. Herman L. Fagley, Jr.

Mr. Robert S. Hemstad, Jr.

Mr. Gary L. Keene

1974

Mr. John R. Carter

Mr. Larry A. Konefsky

Mr. Rafael A. Viego

Mr. A. Miles Albertson

Mr. Lionel Kier

Mr. Paul G. Valyo, Jr.

1975

Mr. Harry P. Ackerman

Mr. Skip Olmstead

1976

Mr. Mark A. Leonard

Mr. A. C. Huber, Jr.

Mr. Mark A. Leonard

Mr. Donald E. Sheppard

Mr. William R. Sloan

Father Daniel Stack

1977

Mr. Kim T. Haynes

Mr. Edward A. Proefke, Jr.

1978

Mr. Ron DuBois

Mr. William W. Green

Mr. Paul W. Dickert

Mr. Carl L. Hubbard

Mr. John J. Martignago

Mr. Roger D. Rehfeldt

Mr. Michael D. Sharon

1979

Mr. William A. Burkhart

Mr. Robert D. Clark

Mr. Mark T. Albright

Mr. Dennis M. Suarez

1980

Mr. F. J. Hoffman, Jr.

Mr. Robert M. Paterson, Jr.

Mr. Thomas P. Troffer

1981

Col. Darrall R. Henderson

Mr. Gregory P. Kniseley

1982

Mr. Donald F. Grill, Jr.

Mr. David R. Johnson

Mr. Timothy M. Talbert

1983

Mrs. Camille C. Borden

Mr. Scott A. Varga

Mr. William M. Coyne

1986

Mr. Kevin G. McMichael

Mr. Robert T. Lauramoore

1987

Mr. Allen L. Hand

1988

Mr. Richard P. Komosky

Mr. Frederick R. Vandercook

1989

Col. Jay M. Barger, Jr.

Mr. Donald G. Clemens, Jr.

Mr. Keith L. Groninger

Mr. John W. Kearns III

Mr. Frank Kendrick, Jr.

Mr. Michael E. Stearns

Mr. Douglas T. Wallace

1990

Mr. Aldo J. Kosuch

1991

Mr. Douglas A. Whittum

Mr. Kevin Donald Rowland

1992

Mr. Michael S. Scammell

1993

Mr. Kurt R. Von Der Osten

Mr. Sean M. Hamilton

1994

Mrs. Anne B. Cowan

Mr. Charles M. Wells

1995

Mr. William W. Stevens

Mr. David Couto

1996

Mr. Timothy J. Sergenian

1997

Mr. Steven C. Higgs

1998

Mr. Gerald P. Johnson

Mr. Mark S. Oliver

1999

Dr. Yimin Zhu

Mr. Luke T. Bymaster

2000

Mr. Joel A. Fedora

Mr. Marcus A. Meide

2002

Mrs. Amy A. Schafer

2003

Mr. Paul H. Darrow

2004

Mr. Jeremy B. Mehrman

Mr. Matthew H. Butler

Mr. Jeremy C. Dawkins

Mr. Jared A. Stern

2006

Ms. Jennifer V. Escobar

Mr. Cardiff J. Shea

2007

Mr. Zebulun Duncan

Mr. Lawson L. Lamar II

Mr. Jason Levine

Mr. Kelly C. Weaver

2010

Mr. Chad C. Jones

Mr. Brian A. Kuncman

Mr. Matthew J. Phillips

Mr. Joshua A. Stewart

Mr. Michael W. Williamson, Jr.

2011

Mr. Matthew S. Vanture

2012

Mr. Brandon S. Barber

Mr. David L. Lodinger

2013

Mr. Thomas R. Schreiner

Mr. Daniel A. Diaz

2014

Ms. Kari L. Glasser

Friends

Mrs. Erica Dawn Aultman

Mr. Richard L. Boswell II

Mr. Robert C. Dornblaser

Mrs. Christina F. Ewoldt

Mrs. Terry S. Hoover

Mr. Garry J. Moyer

Mrs. Karen N. Weiss

Corporations

Mr. Daniel L. Baker/Baker Concrete

Balfour Beatty Construction

CEMEX Materials LLC

Clark Construction Group LLC

Gen-X Construction, Inc.

Hedrick Brothers Constr. Co.

J. Raymond Construction Corp.

Miller Construction Co.

Patrick & Toni Walsh Charitable

Fdtn.

Pro-Crete Systems, Inc.

Scherer Construction of N. Florida

LLC

Springer-Peterson Roofing & Sheet

Metal

In sincere appreciation to the following companies for donations made to upgrade the surveying equipment in 2014.

Baker Concrete Company
Balfour Beatty Construction
Clark Construction Group
Hedrick Brothers Construction
J. Raymond Construction
McIntyre, Elwell & Strammer General Contractors
Scherer Construction of North Florida, LLC

Curriculum Review with Industry

Each year the Rinker School invites 10-20 industry professionals to review course materials. The courses are on a rotating basis, so each year different courses are reviewed. Presentations are given by the faculty member teaching the course and feedback gathered from the industry professionals is compiled and reported to the Rinker faculty for possible implementation. This process allows the Rinker School to stay abreast of the latest industry trends and needs. In February, the structures courses were reviewed. A big thank you to the following representatives who generously gave their time to participate:

Neil Earnest, Balfour Beatty Construction
Scott Mellen, J. Raymond Construction
Chad Douglas, Holder Construction
Russel Dingman II, Kiewit
Erin Brodsky, Hedrick Brothers Construction
Michael Taylor, Current Builders
John Banting, Hedrick Brothers Construction

Advisory Council

The M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Construction Management 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 Construction Management.

HERE IS MY GIFT FOR THE M.E. RINKER, SR. SCHOOL OF
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT
My gift in the amount of \$_____ is made to the University of Florida Foundation
for the M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Construction Management
Be sure to put BCN in the Memo Line

Please check the appropriate block membership in the BCN Advisory Council:

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

- \$100 Certificate
- \$300 Mounted Certificate plus BCN tumbler

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

- \$300 Mounted Certificate plus BCN tumbler
- \$1,000 Plaque

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please send gifts to 304 Rinker Hall, PO Box 115703, Gainesville, Florida 32611

Help Build the Future with the BCN Brick Paver Campaign!

Want to have your name in Rinker Hall, the home of the M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Construction Management? Buy a brick paver, support your School, and have your name etched in stone for the world to see! The 4" x 8" brick pavers are available to students, alumni and friends for \$125.00. There is a 3-line limit, with a 16-character limit per line. Each space, period or other such punctuation is considered a character. Visit www.bcn.ufl.edu for more information.

Please make checks payable to UF Foundation. Do NOT send cash. Be sure to note BCN Brick Campaign in the Memo Line. Please send checks to 304 Rinker Hall, PO Box 115703, Gainesville, Florida 32611

Name: _____

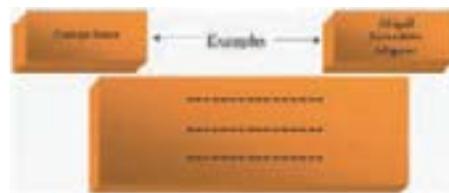
Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Number of Bricks Ordered: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____



Faculty & Staff News



Dr. Sherry Ahrentzen received the James Haecker Award for Distinguished Leadership in Architectural Research from Architectural Research Centers Consortium in February 2014 at their conference in Honolulu. Dr. Ahrentzen is a Shimberg Research Professor at the Rinker School of Construction Management, University of Florida. Dr. Ahrentzen is a recognized leader in understanding the social justice dimensions within the built environment and design education. Her work

in gender studies, housing, and design education has created a rigorous body of research that has influenced both policy and the built environment. As a leader in social justice research, she has championed the needs of underserved and marginalized populations who are often left out of the design and planning process. Dr. Ahrentzen is the co-editor with Karen A. Franck of the book, *New Households, New Housing* which is a landmark in understanding the housing needs of America's families not fitting the traditional social model. Along with her colleagues Linda Groat and Kathryn Anthony, Sherry spotlighted the gender issues within architectural education setting the stage for the healthy reflection on studio culture in the early part of the 21st century. She has over 60 published articles, chapters, and reports, and has received more than 30 research and instructional grants from various agencies including the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Urban Land Institute, National Science Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, AIA Foundation, Fannie Mae Foundation, American Institute of Architects, and the Graham Foundation for the Study of the Arts, among others. Achieving such success with this range of funders illustrates both the breadth and significance of her work. For these reasons, the Architectural Research Centers Consortium (ARCC) is pleased to present this year's James Haecker Award for Distinguished Leadership in Architectural Research to Sherry Ahrentzen.

Dr. Ravi Srinivasan, as the #1 reviewer of *Building and Environment Journal*, was recognized with the Certificate of Excellence in Reviewing by the Editor-in-Chief. *Building and Environment* is a leading international journal that publishes original research papers and reviews related to building science and human interaction with the built environment. Dr. Srinivasan accepted a Graduate Theses Reviewer invitation from the Harvard University's Graduate School of Design (GSD) and participated in these reviews held in Boston, MA. Currently, he is writing a book titled *Energy Systems in Architecture* (Routledge, Taylor & Francis, available summer 2015) and co-authored by a Harvard GSD faculty. Dr. Srinivasan won the runner-up for Best Paper Award for the paper he co-authored with Dr. Charles Kibert and presented at the International Society of Management Science and Engineering Management Conference held in Philadelphia, PA. He also won the 2014 Nancy Perry Teaching Excellence Award presented at the Rinker School Graduation Dinner.



Professor Mike Cook spoke to the Leadership Camp for the Florida Home Builders Association in April. Professor Cook has participated in this event for several years at the request of alum John Carlson.



Congratulations to Dr. Edward Minchin who was promoted to Professor. Dr. Minchin has been a faculty member in the Rinker School since 2007 and is now the Director of Master's Programs.

Dr. Edward Minchin was Keynote Speaker at two international conferences in the fall. In October, he delivered a Keynote Address entitled "The Steel Market and Counterfeiting: Impacts on the Economy" to delegates of the First Steel Market and Counterfeiting Conference, organized by Cate' Note'-Nord in Sept Iles, Quebec, Canada. In November, he delivered a Keynote Address entitled "Construction Supply Chain Integrity: Mitigating the Counterfeit Threat" to the 2nd International Structural Engineering and Construction Australasia and Southeast Asia Conference in Bangkok, Thailand. He also recently spoke 11 additional times at nine different venues, including to the US Department of Justice (Washington, DC), for which he received a medallion and a certificate of Appreciation, the US Transportation Research Board (Washington, DC), The Surface Mount Technology Association (College Park, MD), National Cooperative Highway Research Program (Washington, DC), the 7th International Structural Engineering and Construction Conference (Honolulu, Hawaii), where he also served on the Technical Committee and moderated a technical session, the 2nd International Structural Engineering and Construction Australasia and Southeast Asia Conference, (Bangkok, Thailand), where he also served on the Technical Committee and moderated a technical session, and a Faculty and Graduate Student Speaker Series hosted by the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

Dr. Minchin also published his first book in October, entitled *Design Management Guide for Design-Build and Construction-Manager-as-General Contractor Projects*. This book is currently being distributed to the Departments of Transportation of all 50 states, plus to all counties and municipalities that receive federal funding for their highway and bridge construction. Also recently published is a book entitled "Construction innovation, published by Wylie, for which Dr. Minchin wrote and contributed a chapter. Four reports for three research projects have also been published, with Dr. Minchin as a major contributor. The sponsors for the research are US Transportation Research Board (Dr. Minchin was Principal Investigator), Construction Industry Institute (Dr. Minchin was Co-Principal Investigator), and Florida Department of Transportation (Dr. Minchin was Principal Investigator). He also published articles in the *American Society of Civil Engineers' Journal of Management in Engineering* and the *Proceedings of the World Building Congress, Conseil International du Batiment* (Brisbane, Australia).



BCN Homecoming Float

Faculty & Staff News cont'd...



Dr. Raymond Issa attended the 2014 meeting of the Pan American Union of Engineering Societies (UPADI) in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, Aug. 11-16. At the meeting he was nominated by the American Society of Civil Engineers and elected as Vice-President for the North American region of UPADI. UPADI's members represent over four million engineers in the Americas.

As a member of the Education Committee, Dr. Issa helped organize and participated in a one-day workshop entitled "Invention, Discovery, Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Transforming Technological Education." As Vice-President of the UPADI Technical Council, Dr. Issa also chaired sections of the meetings of the UPADI Technical Council. He is the UPADI representative to the Organization of American States (OAS) Working Group 2 Ministerial Committee on competitiveness, innovation and technology in the Americas approved by the Ministers of Science and Technology of the Americas in support of the Panama Plan of Action 2012-2016.

During the meetings, Dr. Issa used his Spanish language skills to help negotiate the signing of a mutual cooperation agreement between the ASCE and the Bolivian Engineering Society.



Dr. Abdol Chini was an invited speaker at the International Sustainable Built Environment Conference that was held 28-30 January 2014 in Doha, Qatar. His presentation titled, "Materials recycling, reuse and manufacturing for efficient performance," emphasized the fact that from 1980 to 2010 the worldwide extraction of natural resources increased from 35 billion to 70 billion tonnes and there is an urgent need for reducing waste and increasing reuse and recycling

of materials. He then reviewed strategies to reduce waste and discussed successful practices in recycling post-consumer products into production.

Welcome to the BCN Family....

Keenya Solomon joined the Rinker family in March of this year. She was born and raised in Alachua, FL and still lives there with her family. For the Rinker School, she is a Senior Fiscal Assistant and works with the Office Manager to maintain all accounts. In 2000, she began her tenure at UF in the Pediatrics Department as a clerk. She plans to pursue her accounting degree at Santa Fe College in the near future.



Joseph Carroll is a native of Alachua County and lived here until he moved to Pensacola. He attended the University of West Florida earning a bachelor of arts degree in Philosophy and Religious Studies. He worked in the Admissions Office of UWF as a student worker and was then hired to work in admissions at the Florida State University, where he was promoted to a supervisory position. After several years in FSU Admissions, he took a job as Assistant Graduate Coordinator with FSU's Department of Nutrition, Food and Exercise Sciences where he worked for several more years. While he enjoyed working at FSU, he decided to move back to Gainesville to be closer to his parents, sister, brother-in-law, and nephew who is a little over a year old. Joseph also earned an associate of arts and associate of science degrees at Santa Fe College after graduating from Buchholz High School. Joseph's position at BCN includes working with Rinker graduate students, both masters and doctoral, assisting Drs. Flood and Minchin.

Congratulations Patty Barritt!!

The Rinker School's Office Manager, Patty Barritt has been working full time and attending school part time at Santa Fe College. In May she received her Associate of Arts Degree and plans to continue her education in pursuit of a B.A.S. in Organizational Management from Santa Fe College. Good job!

UF Chapter of Engineers without Borders

This past May Dr. Damon Allen, Rinker School Adjunct Faculty, traveled to Bolivia with a UF Chapter of Engineers Without Borders. Dr. Allen had been acting as an advisor in the design of the concrete formwork needed for the team's irrigation project for Ari Palca, Bolivia. When the original faculty member could not make the trip, the students asked Dr. Allen to accompany them. The scope of the project also changed from repair of a 2' x 2' concrete irrigation channel to its replacement. This change was necessary due to the extent of damage sustained by the channel during a 30 year rain event that took place this February. The flooding both washed out portions of the channel and triggered a rock-slide that covered another portion. The new design consisted of a two phase plan which used pipes to carry the water. Pipes are protected from landslides and less likely to be washed away during future flooding. Additionally, using pipes prevents loss from evaporation and infiltration which had plagued the damaged channel. However, the piping had to be protected from silting up by using an inlet sedimentation tank. Despite little access to electricity and dealing with significant ground water infiltration, the sedimentation tank was constructed with the aid of local residents. The team hand dug a 12' x 11' x 5' deep hole through sandy clay soil while it continued to flood. They then mixed concrete by hand on tarps with locally gathered aggregate. After the addition of a rapid set mixture it was quickly poured into the forms from wheelbarrows. Even though temperatures dropped to freezing during the night they were able to strip the forms the next day due to the use of the rapid cure additive. On the final day at the site 650' of 6" pipe were laid, which successfully finished Phase One of the project. Next year Dr. Allen hopes to bring BCN students to Bolivia to help lay the rest of the piping during Phase Two of the project.



SHOW YOUR RINKER SCHOOL PRIDE

To purchase items, contact Sara Green by phone at (352) 273-1182 or by e-mail at saraann@ufl.edu.
(checks only - no credit cards accepted)

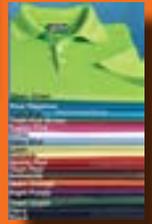


BCN Merchandise

- Nike Golf Dry Fit Shirts.....\$45
- Hard Hat (old logo).....\$40
- Coffee Mugs..... \$10
- Tervis Cups..... \$20
- Portfolios..... \$30



Shirt color options



In Memory of

Asa Kelley, BCN 1968

A native of Palatka, FL, Asa graduated in 1968 with a Bachelor of Building Construction degree. Commissioned as a 2nd LT in the ROTC program, he was the Outstanding Military Graduate that year. Asa served as a Combat Engineer platoon leader building roads and bridges to the bases in Viet Nam from 1969-1970. After 3 years, he left the army as a captain. The next 19 years he spent at the Tennessee Valley Authority in energy plan construction and management. Bechtel recruited him to work with its Department of Energy nuclear program in 1989. Over the next 22 years, he worked at Savannah River Site in South Carolina, Connecticut, Yankee, Idaho National Lab, Y-12 and K-25 in Oak Ridge, TN and Los Alamos National Lab in New Mexico, as well as shorter stints in other locations. He was Vice-President and Assistant Lab Director responsible for multi-billion dollar project management before he retired in 2011. Asa was exposed to Agent Orange in Viet Nam, and years later developed cancer which was determined by the Veterans Administration to be caused by that exposure. Nevertheless, he was proud to serve and experienced excellent medical care from the VA. He passed away May 18, 2014, at the McGraw Hospice Center in Jacksonville. He is survived by his wife, Ann Marie, of Ponte Vedre, daughters Lauren Magee and Emily Mullins of Tennessee, and his sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Howard Ramsey of Gainesville. He remained a staunch Gator fan despite his many moves around the country.



C. Merritt Bird, BCN 1962

Merritt went right into construction upon graduation from UF in 1962. He worked for the following companies – Houdaille-Wright, Jacksonville, DeGouw and Sons, West Palm Beach, Hardrives of Delray, Delray Beach, Smith and Sons, Weston, and Ranger Construction, Pompano Beach. At Ranger Construction, he was Vice President until he retired in 2007.

During all those years, he was a member of Engineering Construction Association (ECA), Association of General Contractors (AGC), and Florida Transportation Builders Association (FTBA). He was president of Engineering Construction Association for 2 terms and achieved Lifetime Membership, one of three who have achieved that. He was well-known, loved, and respected throughout the industry, loved construction and put his whole heart into it.



George Hemenway, BCN 1965

George's time at the University of Florida was interrupted when, as a Navy reservist, he was called to active duty during the 1962 Cuban missile crisis. After finishing his two-year Navy obligation and completing his studies, he moved to Atlanta in 1965. He was on-site supervisor of construction for two of Atlanta's major builders, Hardin Construction and Malone Construction, and later founded a firm

bearing his own name. George left impressive concrete and steel markers on the part he played in the building of metro Atlanta - among them Northlake Mall, Cumberland Mall, Southlake Mall, the Michael C. Carlos Museum and the Atlanta Union Mission. He passed away on March 28 at his Tucker, GA home of brain cancer. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Judy, a daughter and two sons.



David McKnight, BCN 1965

Upon graduation, David worked for J.A. Jones Construction, followed by Rooney Construction. In 1972, David and George Caldwell partnered to form Caldwell-McKnight Construction. Over the next 20 years, Caldwell-McKnight built many prominent structures including Embassy Suites, The Quay Shipping Center, Jacaranda Country Club, Memorial Medical Building, and numerous other commercial buildings.

D.F. McKnight was formed in 1995 and built the rare book section of the Broward County Public Library., the Lauderdale Marine Center, the Broward County Humane Society, and many other buildings. David is survived by his wife, Martha, and a daughter.



Remembering Dr. Jimmie Hinze

Dr. Hinze was honored at the CIB W099 - Safety and Health in Construction International Conference in Sweden in June 2014. The CIB organization has created an award for conference participants called the "Jimmie W. Hinze Best Paper Award" in honor of Dr. Hinze's work in safety.



The Charles R. Perry Construction Yard - Craft Awareness

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.



A Special Thanks goes to the Fall 2014 Newsletter Sponsors.....



Balfour Beatty
Construction

**BUILD IT
 GREENER.
 SMARTER.
 BEAUTIFULLY.
 STRONGER.
 SAFER.
 TO SPEC.
 FASTER.
 FOREVER.**



**High-quality products.
 Unsurpassed technical expertise.
 Total commitment to customer service.**

For 100 years, the people of CEMEX have been hard at work, turning your visions into realities, building what could only be imagined and improving upon convention - helping you build it better.

We invite you to learn more about CEMEX by visiting www.cemexusa.com or contacting your local CEMEX representative.

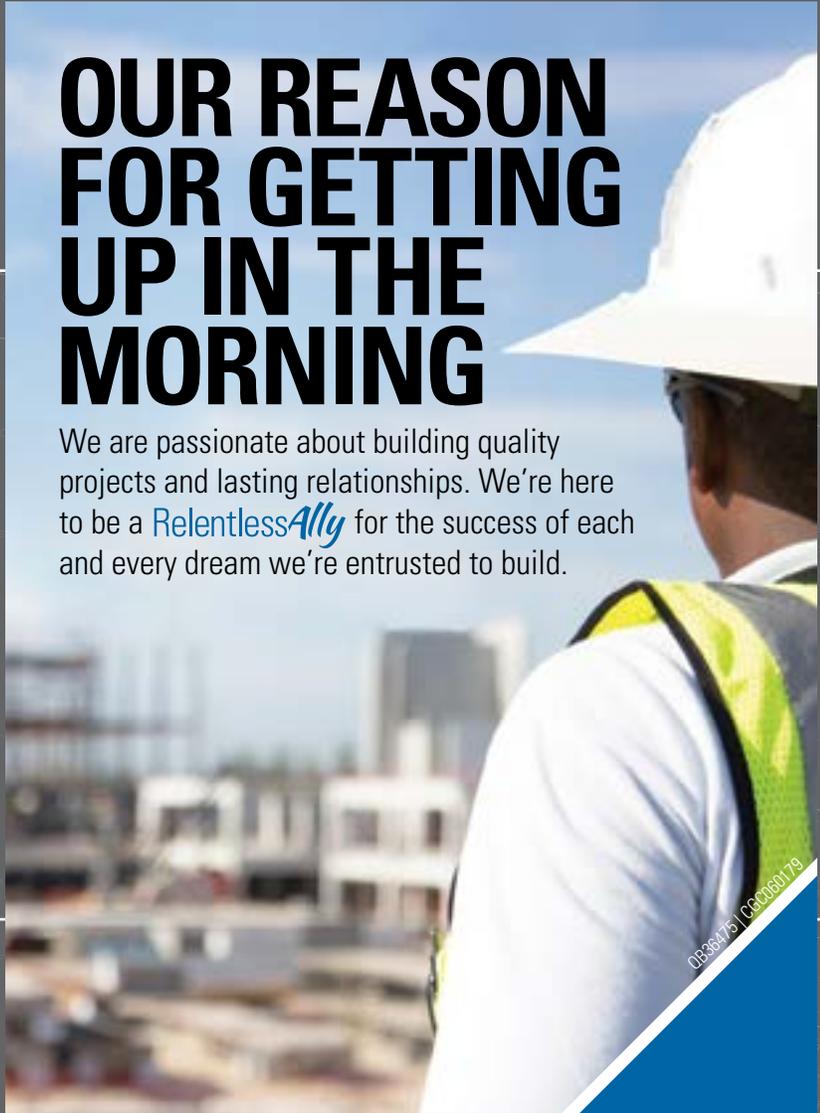


1501 Belvedere Road
 West Palm Beach, FL 33406
 (800) 226-5521



OUR REASON FOR GETTING UP IN THE MORNING

We are passionate about building quality projects and lasting relationships. We're here to be a *RelentlessAlly* for the success of each and every dream we're entrusted to build.



08381751 | CCM060178

ORLANDO
 407.226.9819

PLANTATION
 954.585.4000

balfourbeattyus.com



Balfour Beatty
 Construction