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The Dynasty Continues

Once again the students in the CM program proved their commitment to Ram Pride and delivering the best Homecoming float possible by earning an eleventh straight first place win. The students used this year’s parade theme, “This is Our Time,” to showcase how the upcoming graduating classes will seize opportunities in the working world to “build for the future.” The float featured a wood frame that supported rendering images of new buildings, surveying equipment, and students of the upcoming graduating class demonstrating their skills. CAM the Ram was front and center. The entry earned first place in the CSU float category following the parade on October 16.



Left and above: Various shots of the 2015 CM float in the Homecoming Parade on October 16. This year’s entry included a nod to Halloween (above).

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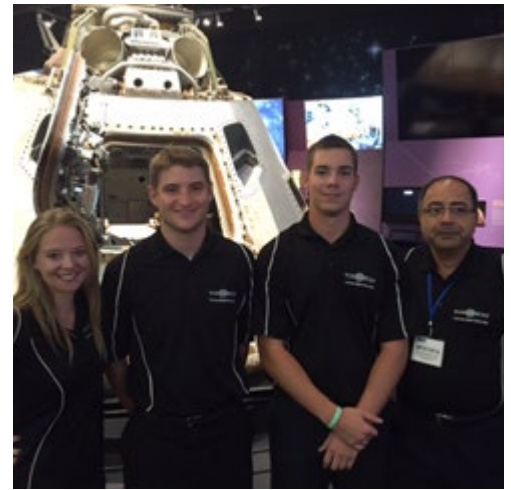
Students Attend MCAA Summit

CM seniors Wade Craney, Benjamin Navin, and Kennedy White travelled to Cleveland, Ohio, October 1-3 for the [Mechanical Contractors Association of America](#) 2015 Student Chapter Summit. This annual event further exposes students to the mechanical construction, plumbing, and service industries by providing an arena for chapter representatives to exchange ideas, learn about mechanical industry career opportunities, test their abilities in a mini competition, and receive the problem for the upcoming MCAA student competition.

This year's event, "The Best of Next for Generation Next," featured

a showcase of new construction technologies for attendees to explore and provide input on their use in the future. While in Cleveland, participants were also able to tour the Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame and the Great Lakes Science Center as part of the conference.

CSU's students returned excited for the upcoming MCAA competition. The written project proposal is due December 14 and the team will learn in January whether they will qualify to travel to the MCAA national convention in March for the oral portion as one of the Final Four.



L-R: White, Craney, Navin, and CM department head Mostafa Khattab at the Great Lakes Science Center

Students Host Annual Clay Shoot

On Friday, October 23, a group of 126 student and industry shooters congregated at Kiowa Creek Sporting Club for the annual CM Clay Shoot, an opportunity hosted by the CM Student Board of Directors for students to interact with members of industry in a laid back atmosphere. Company participants included [Dohn Construction](#), [FCI Constructors](#), [GH Phipps Construction](#), [Hydro Construction](#), [ISEC](#), [JE Dunn Construction](#), [Mark Young Construction](#), [Mortenson Construction](#), [Murphy Company](#),

[Regional Rail Partners](#), [RK Mechanical](#), [Saunders Construction](#), [Sturgeon Electric](#), and [Swinerton Builders](#). Several companies sponsored portions of the event, such as shells, t-shirts, and lunch.

"The CMBOD would like to thank all industry participants and sponsors for making the 2015 Clay Shoot another greatly successful event," said BoD director of operations Jennifer Hansen. "We couldn't have done it without you!"



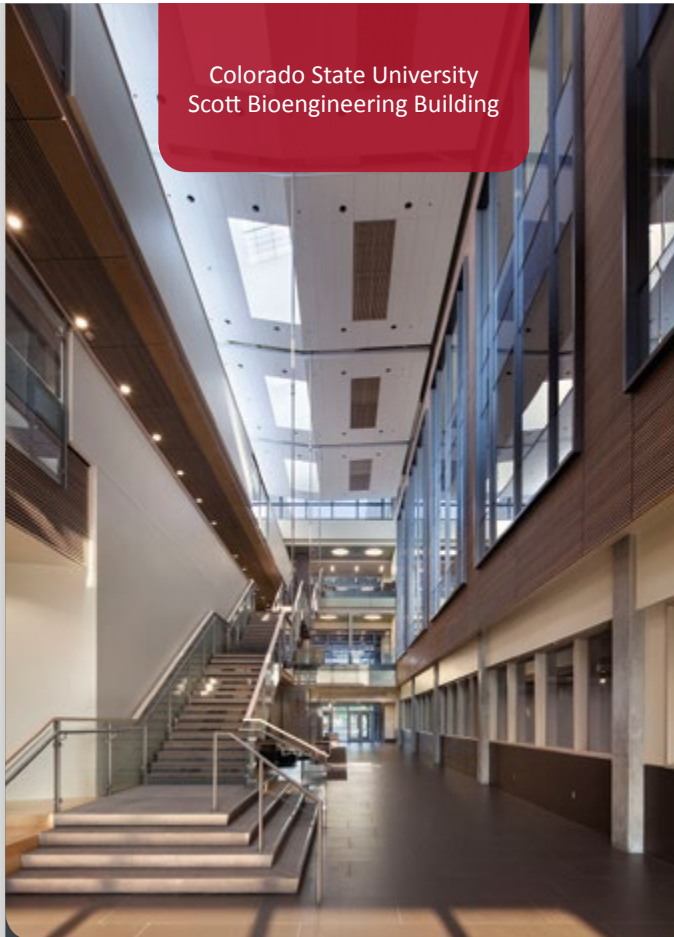
A group of students and industry members pose between shots at the annual CM Clay Shoot

CON 366 Gets Hands On with Trucks

Students enrolled in CON 366, Construction Equipment and Methods, attended an equipment orientation at the City of Fort Collins Streets Department on October 29. Hosted this year by Darren Moritz, the city allows students to climb aboard and get a feel for using the equipment they are learning about in class. One of the highlights of this year's visit involved a challenge for students to use the bucket of a backhoe to stack one traffic barrel atop another.



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Haselden is proud to have Chris Scanlan, CSU Graduate, join our team. Chris joined Haselden as an intern and ultimately elected to become "one of the family." When asked why he chose Haselden, Chris offered the following:

"Haselden is a name I've known for a long time. I learned so much during my internship at Haselden. My favorite aspect was being able to work on so many different projects and project types. Everyone was so helpful and took the time to teach; it was a great learning environment—they wanted me to succeed."

As a Construction Management Associate, I rotate through preconstruction, virtual design and construction (VDC), and field operations, which will provide me with a greater understanding of the entire construction process."

Chris's ultimate goal is to work in the preconstruction department, and Haselden's Construction Management Professional Program (CMAPP) is EXACTLY what will ensure he is successful in his career.



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Senior Attends Rising CM Conference

CM senior Sean Howell was selected by the Colorado chapter of the [Construction Management Association of America](#) to attend the 2015 Rising CM Conference in Orlando, Fla., on October 10 and 11. Held each year in conjunction with the CMAA national conference, this event provides an opportunity for young construction professionals and students in CM programs to network while attending informational sessions, presentations, and workshops.

"I was honored to have the chance to be a part of this event," said Howell. "There were ample opportunities to network as the group was a good mix of students of all experience levels, as well as a number of younger industry professionals. I was able to speak to some very new CM students and share my perspective and lessons learned from my time in school."

Several guest speakers and lecturers presented at the conference, but

one in particular stood out for Howell due to how well his message meshed with the philosophy of CM department head Mostafa Khattab that students should learn soft skills of management and emotional intelligence alongside the technical skills needed for their future careers. "The most interesting speaker was Leo McLeod, a professional motivational speaker, who spoke a lot about emotional intelligence and relationships in the workplace. I learned a lot about interpersonal relationships and how to 'bank' on professional relationships to make your network work for you."

According to Howell, it is opportunities to attend events like this that make CSU's CM program so great. "The department facilitates meaningful learning experiences within industry and in so many other ways than this," he said. "I took so much away from this experience that I'll be able to take into my coming career."



Sean Howell (center, green jacket) poses with the other attendees of the 2015 Rising CM Conference

Upcoming Events

College of Health and Human Sciences Commencement Ceremony

The Fall 2015 Commencement ceremony for undergraduate seniors in the College of Health and Human Sciences will take place on Saturday, December 19, 2015, in Moby Arena at 5:00 in the afternoon. For more information on the ceremony, program, regalia, and more, visit <http://www.chhs.colostate.edu/students/commencement.aspx>.

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