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**Seventh Annual Awards Banquet Hosted**

Nearly 190 guests attended the CM Awards Banquet on Thursday, September 17, to celebrate the philanthropy of generous donors and the achievements of students, faculty, and staff. An annual tradition, the Awards Banquet provides an opportunity for industry and private donors to come together to meet the recipients of their awards and for the CM program to recognize exceptional work not only by these students but by other contributing partners to the excellence of the department.



*Allie and Chris Maunder pose with Brandon Torrez, recipient of their new award*

Two new awards were presented at this year's event: the Chris Maunder Scholarship and the Mike Campfield Memorial Scholarship. The Maunder family established a new award to celebrate Chris Maunder's appreciation for the education he received at CSU. Choosing to attend CSU set Maunder on a path to great success and he hopes this award will help current students to also achieve their own dreams. The first recipient of this award was Brandon Torrez, a senior from Thornton, Colo.

The Mike Campfield Memorial Scholarship was established as part of the Mike Campfield Foundation, a fund created by Campfield's family and colleagues to support the next generation of industry leaders. With no formal education, Campfield's work ethic led him to become one of the most respected mechanics in the industry. The award benefits students who have been affected in some way by cancer, and this year's recipient was Barry Hall, a senior from Fort Collins.

The evening also included the recognition of other awards, such as the CM Cares Exceptional Service Achievement Award. Presented

in appreciation of a student's outstanding commitment to service of the community, this recognition celebrates exceptional dedication to the CM Cares initiative. This year's recipient, Brett Riley, has been very active in CM Cares for two years as a project volunteer and proven himself to be a great asset in completing the projects.

The department also recognized the latest recipient of the Ram Built Hard Hat Award, a recognition given to members of the Colorado State University community for invaluable contributions to construction education. This year's recipient was Tom Mazzarisi, business manager for the College of Health and Human Sciences. His support of the program in recent years as CM performed several personnel searches, managed its budget, and took care of administrative business has been vital to the success and excellence maintained by the program.

The evening concluded with a reflection from Susan Stevens, donor for the John Stefanich, Sr., Memorial Scholarship, as well as a note of thanks from CM student Chris Pettofrezzo.

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## Student Interns Leave Mark on Campus

Each summer Anna Fontana and Khristy Preston, staff of the Phelps Placement Office, visit job sites across Colorado to check in on student interns and follow up with their host companies. This summer, the staff members did not have to venture further than the department's backyard to find several interns in one location working on a major project on the CSU campus.

The Aggie Village apartments on the south side of campus, built in 1960, are seeing a complete overhaul under the careful guidance of [PCL Construction Services](#). The original 145 apartments are being replaced with one, two, three, and four bedroom

apartments to accommodate 980 upper-class undergraduate, international, and graduate students as well as visiting scholars and post-doctoral fellows. The buildings will also include 16,000 square feet of classroom space, office space for Division of Student Affairs programs, and a grand courtyard through the middle of the complex.

On the job site were Dylan Tomlinson and Rachel Dunham, both working as interns for PCL. Also on hand were students working for subcontractors on the project: Dan Proud, an intern for [Sturgeon Electric Company, Inc.](#), and Raechelle Fields, an intern for [RK Mechanical, Inc.](#) They took Fontana



L-R: Rachel Dunham, Raechelle Fields, Dan Proud, Khristy Preston, Dillon Tomlinson

and Preston on a tour of the job site from the roof to the lower levels and the mobile office spaces. The three companies represented by these interns also hire CSU graduates, making the project one that will have a touch of alumni pride infused in the workmanship.

## Volunteering with GESTEM

On May 8, CM's internship and recruitment coordinator Anna Fontana and student Kennedi White participated as guides at the Girls Exploring Science, Technology, Engineering and Math event in Denver. More than 1,000 sixth and seventh grade girls descended upon the Colorado Convention Center to explore careers in STEM fields. Fontana and White guided groups of ten through multiple sessions for

exposure to STEM professionals and hands-on workshops.

This event is hosted annually by the [Society of Women Engineers Rocky Mountain Section](#) and is free for middle-school aged girls in the Denver metro area. Presented 100 percent by volunteers and made possible by sponsor donations, GESTEM helps students see the connection between careers and

skills learned in STEM classes and provides an opportunity for local businesses and community to support student success in these fields.

CM participates in this and other events across the Front Range as part of its recruiting initiative to spread the word on construction management careers and opportunities.

## Grad Student Earns Accrediting Board Scholarship

Melissa Thevenin is pursuing a PhD through the School of Education in the Education and Human Resources Studies program with a specialization in education sciences and has just earned a scholarship to help fund her education. The Dupree Construction Education Fund/National Housing Endowment Scholarship is designed specifically for candidates pursuing higher education to eventually teach in an [American Council for Construction Education](#)-accredited degree program.

program as a Graduate Teaching Assistant in the Estimating II lab sections. She continues to work in this capacity while working on her PhD requirements and is excelling both on the job and in the classroom. Receiving this award is a testament to her dedication to not only her learning but to CM's undergraduate students.



Melissa Thevenin

While pursuing her Masters in CM at CSU, Thevenin worked for the



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## Holt Publishes Capstone Textbook

For the first time the CM Senior Capstone course has a required textbook. Professor Ron Holt, one of the course instructors for the past several semesters, wrote the text titled *Construction Management Capstone* and published it as an electronic book that can be updated as needed. Students access the text via passwords purchased at the University Bookstore, and the instructors can look up students' progress through the material at any time.

"This book is an attempt to capture in writing the material that has been taught in the senior capstone class

for several years," said Holt. "Coming from the construction industry has given me some insight into what would be required of our graduates to be successful in their careers, so it seemed only prudent to position this information in a format that could be used by other schools, teachers, and students."

The Fall 2015 semester will be the first test of the new text in class and allow for edits and other changes to be made as they come up in the classroom. The Senior Capstone is crafted so that students are challenged using real world scenarios. "We force them to read,

think, speak, and write about all aspects of construction, which also impacts all aspects of their lives," said Holt. "Our students form companies, read construction prints and specs, write company qualification packets and contracts, maintain monthly budgets, speak and present in front of peers and industry representatives, and respond thoughtfully to questions and confrontations. In this manner, we create students who dare to stand out from those who hold on to mediocrity."

## Career Fair Attendance Packed Again

On September 29, 96 companies squeezed into the ballroom at the Fort Collins Hilton for the Fall 2015 CM Career Fair. Their goal: recruit the best students in the CM and other programs for internships, work experience, and permanent positions following graduation. More than 400 students attended, representing not only construction management but also civil, electrical, and mechanical engineering, business administration,

and interior design. A handful of CM alumni were also there to network with the attending companies.

This Career Fair sold out within five weeks of opening registration. Companies interested in attending the spring Fair should keep an eye out for the registration link to open on the CM website in December.



## Upcoming Events

### Fall 2015 PADB Meeting

The next meeting of the Professional Advisory Development Board will take place on Wednesday, October 28, at 1:30 p.m. in 122 Preconstruction Center. University architect Mike Rush will present on current construction projects at CSU as well as upcoming endeavors. PADB members have received their invitations and should RSVP by Thursday, October 22.

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