Upcoming Events:

The 2nd Annual Construction Management Golf Tournament will take place on June 15th at Harbour Pointe Golf Club. The tournament will consist of a shotgun scramble with a full field of 144 golfers followed by a reception for all present. All of the proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Associated Students of Construction Management and the Student Excellence Fund.

This tournament has proven to be of financial benefit to both ASCM and the Student Excellence Fund, but it is more than a fundraiser. This event provides a great opportunity for alumni and industry partners to engage with one another, our students, and our professors.

If you have any questions, please contact me via e-mail at wsu.ascm@gmail.com.

Updates

Construction Management — Jason Peschel, Program Head

It's hard to believe but another school year has come and gone. The time flew by but much was accomplished - we have much to celebrate! This year we graduated 47 seniors with a bright future in the construction industry. Additionally, 95% of the 3rd year students have internships across the western US along with 80% of the 2nd year students. Again this year, 10% of the non-certified CM's have internships. WSU had historic success at regional and national student competitions including ASC and DBIA. The 4th year students (CM + Arch) produced deliverables that wowed the judges and audience at the annual Senior Capstone event in Seattle. Regardless of the event, our students continue to represent themselves, WSU, and the CM program admirably.

Lastly, we are excited to announce that we will be introducing alumni, friends, and industry partners to one new CM faculty member and one new Construction Engineering faculty member who will be starting in the fall.

We’re Moving! — Jason Peschel, Program Head

The next time you come to Pullman to visit, guest lecture, or recruit you’ll notice some changes to where the administrative staff, and faculty offices are located. The CM faculty will be located in EME 202A - 202H and Dana 146, 146A, and 146B. While this relocation does position us outside of Carpenter Hall it allows for dedicated conference and interviewing spaces along with room for future growth. We are optimistic that as the program continues to grow and be successful, these spaces will allow for a promising future, and better connections with our colleagues in engineering. In fact, all faculty and staff in the SDC will be relocating. The Architecture, Interior Design, and Landscape Architecture faculty will be located in a newly renovated open office environment on the main floor of Carpenter Hall or individual offices on the 3rd floor of Daggy Hall. The SDC Director, staff, and advisors will be located on the main floor of Carpenter Hall. All existing classrooms and studios on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th floors of Carpenter Hall will remain as design and construction spaces.

With the hiring a new Dean, Dr. Mary Rezac, in the Voiland College of Engineering and Architecture it was decided that some changes to space allocations were needed. The Dean and her staff (Associate Dean's, Marketing, Finance, Development, etc.) will all be relocating to the 5th floor of Carpenter Hall in an effort to consolidate staff and create greater efficiencies as the College moves forward.

In summary, our classes are in the same rooms and our offices are within a short walk from our previous spaces. Visitors past parking arrangements will still work fine. If you need help, the Dean's staff of the 5th floor of Carpenter can help you find any SDC faculty you need.

Faculty Honors — Jennifer Dean, Director of Development

On April 11th Dick Silliman, Executive Vice President of Hoffman Construction was on campus. Dick has been instrumental in helping to advance WSU's Construction Management program. To honor him and his 40th anniversary with the company, Hoffman generously established the Richard L. Silliman Distinguished Professorship in Estimating. A distinguished professorship is an academic honor, designed to recognize distinctive and outstanding service to the university community, and a named professorship is one of the highest honors a faculty member can receive. The Silliman Professorship is to be awarded in recognition of excellence in teaching, specifically in the area of estimating. In front of a classroom full of his students, fellow faculty, administrators, staff, and Dick Silliman, Professor Jason Peschel was named the first recipient of the Richard L. Silliman Distinguished Professorship in Estimating.
Faculty Awards
In April, the VCEA awards convocation was held and Jason Peschel was named the recipient of the 2017 Reid Miller Excellence in Teaching Award. The award recognizes Dr. Miller’s strong commitment to the quality of teaching in the college.

In May, Jason won the 2017 Outstanding Teaching Award for the CM program. This award recognizes excellence in teaching and is determined by a vote of the students.

Student Awards
Also named at the VCEA awards convocation in April were the Outstanding CM Students. The 2017 recipients included (left to right as pictured below) Austin Bartleson - 3rd year, Marcus Konopaski - 4th year, and Brady Swanson - 2nd year. Congratulations!

Student Competitions
Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) - Region 6/7
Four teams from WSU went to Sparks, NV to compete in the 30th Annual ASC Competition. More than 1,300 students from 44 universities participated in the competition’s Commercial, Design-Build, Heavy/Civil, and Virtual Design and Construction categories. The four teams prepared all school year long with the help of faculty coaches and practice problems provided by our industry partners. The teams produce a variety of deliverables and a presentation in less than 24 hours. The formal presentation is followed by a Q&A session.

Competing against 11 other teams the WSU Virtual Design and Construction (VDC) team, coached by Professor Dr. Anne Anderson, took 2nd place in the VDC category in the Open division. The students are provided with a series of real-world problems for which they are to use a variety of software to isolate and solve a BIM related issue. Their deliverables and formal presentation address the problems and serve to better explain the software selection and approach to solving the problem.

In a competition against 14 other teams the WSU Design-Build team, sponsored by Howard S. Wright and coached by Professor Dr. David Gunderson, took 2nd place in the Design-Build category for Region 7. The students are provided with a brief program for the project from which they are to develop a schematic design, estimate, schedule, and perform an evaluation of how the project will be managed from design through construction. This marks the 5th time that a Design-Build team has placed.

Competing against 14 other teams the WSU Commercial team, sponsored by Holland Construction and coached by Professor Jason Peschel, took 3rd place in the Commercial category for Region 7. In their proposal the students had to use a variety of construction management skills such as scheduling, estimating, site logistics, site safety, and technical writing. This is the sixth year in a row that the Commercial team has placed at the competition.

Student Perspective
As I approach the completion of my time at WSU, and look forward to a new chapter of my life, I have had the opportunity to reflect on my time in the Construction Management program at Washington State. I have always looked forward to classes knowing that our professors share the same passion for the construction industry as I do. Outside of the classroom I have been fortunate to participate in the MCA Student Competition and come to serve as president of our MCA chapter, where I have gained valuable industry experience. This involvement and learning was rewarded with two internships and full-time employment with Atkinson Construction in Seattle. All of these opportunities would not have been possible without the generous support of various organizations and individuals that have helped me throughout my college career through scholarships and donations to the program. WSU will always hold a special place in my heart, and I look forward to giving back as a future alumnus. Going into the industry I feel prepared and confident - knowing that I am a graduate of the WSU Construction Management program. Go Cougs!

- Jason Ashton, Construction Management 2017
Senior Capstone

Professor Cherf and Professor Kessler worked diligently again this year to integrate the CM Capstone course and the 4th year Architecture Capstone studio — creating a collaborative course designed to prepare the students for the industry. The students were divided into (and/or created) thirteen integrated companies or teams. Over the course of the semester there were six integrated workshops providing a wealth of information to the students. These workshops were delivered by our industry partners representing the client, contractors, architects, and consultants. The final deliverable for the course was a response to an RFP and construction documents for a mixed-use project in the South Lake Union area of Seattle. The integrated student teams then competed against one another by presenting their proposals to a group of industry judges. The first round of presentations in Pullman narrowed the field of thirteen down to the final two teams. The final two teams presented their proposals for the 2017 Senior Capstone audience at the Georgetown Ballroom in Seattle. The event was a huge success again this year! Thank you to everyone who joined us.

Both teams did an amazing job of presenting their proposals and the judges had the difficult task of selecting the top team. After deliberations, and sharing that this was the closest competition ever, the judges announced the team of Rainier Construction + Arkhitekton Associates as this year’s winners. The members of this team (left to right as pictured below) are Joseph Chung (Arch + CM minor), Matt McDonald (CM), Neva Hubbert (Arch), Charlotte Schmitz (Arch + CM), Steven Bradshaw (CM), and Neal Leatherman (CM). Hinge Construction + Horizon Design and Development (left to right as pictured below) consisted of Tyler Prosser (Arch), Martin Rogstad (CM), Marie Landsverk (CM), Brienna Cunningham (Arch), Bryce Whitehurst (CM), and Jess Small (Arch + CM). All of these students clearly have a bright future ahead of them!

Congratulations to the teams and Thank You to the judges!

1st Place Team: Rainier Construction + Arkhitekton Associates
Hinge Construction + Horizon Design & Development

A sincere THANK YOU to both Vulcan Real Estate Group and Oles Morrison. This event was made possible largely because of their generous support. We would like to give special thanks to our judges for the evening, as well as those who travelled to Pullman for the preliminary round of judging earlier in the week. We are incredibly grateful for the time and efforts you give back to the students and the CM program!

The Seattle judges included:

Joe Blattner (Avenue 55)  Raymond Burdick (Vulcan)
Patrick Gordon (ZGF)    Max Wilson (Glumac)
Matt Snook (Coughlin Porter Lundeen)

The Pullman judges included:

Marjorie Chang Fuller (Hoffman)  Erik Mott (Perkins + Will)
Aaron Firman (Howard S. Wright)  Indy Dehal (ASLC Architects)
Todd Williams (Exxel Pacific)    Matt Lessard (Wilcox Construction)
Kathryn Emtman (Lease Crutcher Lewis)  Joel Rohrs (Andersen Construction)
Marc Oplinger (Graphite Design Group)  Brett Wiggins (Callison/RTKL)
Darin Chestnut (PCL)    Deb Willard (Vulcan)
Corey Anderson (Fisher)

New CM Advisory Board Member

The CM program is proud and excited to welcome Steve Sunich to our Advisory Board.

Steve Sunich graduated from WSU in Construction Management in 1982 and was the first ASCM President. After graduation he moved to the mid-west with S.J. Groves and Sons as a project engineer on lock and dam projects on the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers. Steve returned home to Issaquah and joined General Construction Company on the Everett Homeport Carrier Pier and I-90 Floating Bridge Replacement projects.

Currently, and for the last 23 years, Steve has his own firm working as an independent CPM scheduling consultant for construction companies, owners and attorneys. His first interest in scheduling started with Don Poe’s CPM scheduling class and he has been a guest lecturer in the CM Planning & Scheduling class for the last 10 years.

His interests in fly fishing, trumpet playing, model boat building and rowing keep him busy in his free time.

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Help Strengthen the CM Program

The WSU Construction Management program has a long, rich history of producing graduates who are “work ready, day one”. To continue this proud tradition, we look to alumni and supporters to help us provide resources to inspire and encourage our students to reach their full potential. The industry and alumni can provide financial support to the program through gifts to the following primary funds:

CM Student Excellence Fund (student experience fund)
These gifts are used to fund learning opportunities for students in the CM program outside of formal classroom activities. The opportunities include student clubs such as ASCM, regional and national student competitions, conferences, field trips, and the Senior Capstone event. Our goal is to generate a minimum of $80,000 annually.

Learn more about the opportunities created by the CM Student Excellence Fund or Give to the CM Student Excellence Fund

A. Donald Poe CM Laboratory Fund (BIM laboratory fund)
These gifts are used to create, maintain, and update student access to technology and laboratories within CM. We are currently undertaking a major fundraising effort for a three-phased plan that will provide equipment, software, and upgraded classrooms for our students that is reflective of current industry technology.

The fund will provide workstations in the lab and classrooms to allow students to collaborate with building information models and provide for future research and development for BIM, augmented reality, and virtual reality as they become increasingly more relevant to the design and construction industry. Our goal is to raise a total of $800,000 which includes $500,000 for facility updates and equipment plus an additional $300,000 to build an endowment for future upgrades and maintenance.

Learn more about the BIM Laboratory Fund or Give to the BIM Laboratory Fund

A. Donald Poe CM Excellence Fund
This fund is the discretionary source we utilize to assist our students and support the highest needs for the CM program.

Give to the CM Excellence Fund

Please support the future of the construction industry and the WSU Construction Management program through one of these important opportunities. Go Cougs!