STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - EMPLOYMENT & INTERNSHIPS

As the economy continues to boom in the Seattle market and nationally so have the employment opportunities for our students. This has created an environment wherein WSU Construction Management graduates have been incredibly successful in terms of securing internships and full-time employment. The Construction Management program at WSU coordinates and facilitates recruiting efforts in-house for both internships and full-time employment. The chart below shows the continual improvement regarding the percentage of students hired before graduation. It’s important to note that the students who were unable to secure full-time employment prior to graduation did indeed have full-time employment within 3 months of graduation. The average base salary for a WSU Construction Management graduate in 2019 was around $68,000 plus a variety of fringe benefits.

Opportunities for employment are abundant for graduating Construction Management students. As such, students are securing employment in the residential, commercial, heavy civil and industrial sectors of the construction industry. More information regarding placement statistics can be found on the website – Exit Survey Report 2019.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - AWARDS & RECOGNITION

The WSU Construction Management program is a proud member of the Sigma Lambda Chi national honor society for Construction Management as the Gamma IV Chapter. Certified Construction Management students in the top 20% of the 3rd & 4th year classes are invited to become members
during the fall semester. Additionally, the Construction Management faculty award the outstanding 2nd, 3rd & 4th year students based upon academic and extra-curricular prowess. The students are presented with the awards at the annual Voiland College of Engineering and Architecture convocation ceremony.

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - SCHOLARSHIPS**

In addition to university-wide scholarship opportunities, certified Construction Management students are encouraged to apply for numerous scholarship opportunities within the program and the School of Design and Construction. The generosity of donors provides incredible financial assistance to our students. The total disbursement for scholarship awards was approximately $75,000 for the 2019-2020 academic year.

The scholarship application process begins in January and notifications are made in March. Scholarship awards are given in the fall semester of the next academic year. The scholarships available to students are as follows:

- ACM - Harmon/Silliman Presidential Scholarship
- AGC Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Austin Robert & Jean Ward Scholarship Fund
- Burrill W. & Myrtle C. Bresemann Endowed Scholarship
- Brelsford Apartment Scholarship
- Construction Management Scholarship /Award Endowment
- Construction Management Golf Tournament Scholarship
- Dimond Family Foundation Scholarship in Construction Management
- Larry & Joyce Fisher Scholarship in Construction Management
- GLY Construction Management Scholarship
- A. Donald Poe Scholarship Fund
- PSF Mechanical, Inc. & Beardsley Family Foundation
- John and Karol Satterthwaite Scholarship Fund
- Skanska Scholars Scholarship (scholarship + internship)
- S. Smith & E. Pond Scholarship
- SpeeWest Scholarship in Construction Management
- Howard S. Wright Scholarship (scholarship + internship)

Additionally, our students are historically successful in securing scholarships from the following industry organizations:

- Associated General Contractors of America - Washington Chapter & National
- National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC)
- Design Build Institute of America (DBIA)
- Construction Management Association of America (CMAA)
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - COMPETITIONS

ASC Student Competition. Annually, students from the Construction Management program compete at the Associated Schools of Construction’s Region 6 & 7 competition held in Sparks, Nevada. This is one of the largest construction management student competitions in the nation. Annually, there are over 1,100 students competing on approximately 173 different teams from 43 universities in 17 different categories over a two-day period. Each year teams represent WSU in the Commercial, Design-Build, Virtual Design and Construction (VDC), and Heavy-Civil divisions.

Depending upon student interest, WSU Construction Management students have also participated in the Mechanical and Preconstruction Services division. The competition provides an opportunity for further collaboration as the teams often include double-majors (Construction Management + Architecture) or students from architecture, interior design, landscape architecture, construction engineering, and civil engineering. The students and coaches put a considerable amount of effort into the team’s success. This effort is clearly exhibited in the fact that at least one team from WSU Construction Management has placed in the competition for all but one of the last 12 years.

DBIA Student Competition. This national competition sponsored by the Design-Build Institute of America is in its third year of existence. The competition is intended to allow students to apply design-build best practices to successfully propose on a project.

The competition includes the two-step process of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and a Request for Proposals (RFP). The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) stage is open to everyone, but serves to shortlist the entrants from each region. During the Request for Proposals (RFP) phase the ten regional winners develop their delivery solution to design and construct a particular project. The top teams are invited to present their proposal before an expert panel at the Design-Build Conference and Expo. Teams from WSU competed in the first two years, taking 1st place in 2012, and will be participating in this year’s competition as well.

MCA Student Competition. The Mechanical Contractors Association of America has sponsored a student competition within their annual convention every year for the last thirteen years. The project focuses on the different plumbing and HVAC aspects of the mechanical sector of commercial and industrial construction. The 2014 project was based on a real-world project that involved the partial retrofit of a food processing plant outside of Chicago, Illinois. WSU students who are involved with the MCA student group have the opportunity to compete in this national competition.

NWCCC Student Competition. The Northwest Construction Consumers Council host a student competition for the Commercial teams in preparation of the ASC Student Competition on an annual basis. The schools invited to participate in this friendly, regional competition include the Construction Management programs from Washington State University, University of Washington, Central Washington and Oregon State University.