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### *Dear Members,*

It is with great enthusiasm and optimism that I take the office of President of the Council. I feel extremely privileged to have served on the Board for the past 11 years in the footsteps of some of the Leaders of our Industry. I have watched and learned as our Council has grown and flourished into what is now considered to be the top advisory group in the country.

Although there may be some hurdles ahead of our Construction Management Department, we are poised to overcome any obstacle. The budget crisis that has hit LSU hard has spared our department for the most part but we still need to be wary moving forward.

The Council has accomplished several monumental tasks over the years. The strength of this organization is its committees. It is an honor to lead this year's exemplary group of Committee Chairs. There has never been a more exciting time to be involved with the CIAC. We have the opportunity to claim more classroom and lab space in Patrick Taylor Hall as the School of Business moves to its new home. We continue to grow our Mentoring Program and have placed new emphasis on our student competitions. Furthermore, the plan is in motion to split CM/IE to allow Construction Management to have its own Department.

I look forward to speaking with all our membership to discuss how to continue to improve and grow our Council. I urge you to join a committee and get engaged.

**Steven Fleury**  
CIAC President 2011-2012





# CIAC Golf Tournament

The 2011 CIAC Golf Tournament was a complete success. 29 teams participated. 1st place winners were Trey Crawford, Kevin Sinqfield, Josh Gunn, and Barry Lacy with Grady Crawford Construction. 2nd place winners were Bobby Allen, Cullen Smith, Jason Templet, and Sam Lavinge with ISC.

**Next year's tournament will be back at Carter Plantation starting at 1 in the afternoon on April 20th.**



## CIAC Student Enhancement

The CIAC Student Enhancement Committee hosted a Panel Discussion on March 1st, the week of the LSU Construction Management Recruitment Day, to coach both graduating Seniors and students looking for internships on "How to put your best foot forward during the Interview Process". Over thirty students attended this event which comprised of Construction Industry recruiters and professionals providing personal recommendations and then a Question and Answer session.

We received feedback from both students and recruiters at the LSU Construction Management Recruitment Day that this event helped prepare students for interviews, giving them a significant advantage during their search for gainful employment.

Thanks to the following organizations whose employees made this event possible: SHAW, CAJUN, PERFORMANCE, B & K, ISC.

## CIAC Mentor Program

The CIAC - CSA Mentoring Program started out last fall with a Mentor - Mentee Kickoff Dinner at T.J. Ribs which was attended by over 60 students and professionals. The goal of the program is to pair LSU Construction Management Students with Construction Industry professionals to help mentor them throughout the CM program, providing experience and knowledge above what they are exposed to in classroom settings. The mentors shared their professional knowledge and experiences by consulting with the mentees to help them in their professional development. We encourage industry professional to participate, as the numbers of students benefiting from this program is directly proportional to the numbers of Mentors. Participating in this program involves only around 20 hours of your time during a semester. This 2010-2011 school year, 46 CM students had the opportunity to learn from 34 Construction Industry professionals from 15 different organizations.

## 29th Annual Banquet

The LSU Construction Student Association had their 29th Annual Banquet on April 28th at Boudreaux's. This event included cocktails and dinner, as well as, live and silent auctions. CIAC member contributed to this event by attending and socializing with the students. In addition, they donated and "won" many of the auctioned items. The CSA did an outstanding job of organizing this event, which provides a significant portion of their funding for activities through out the year. A side benefit of this event is the opportunity to catch up with many "long lost" Construction Management classmates from back in the day. It also provides an opportunity for LSU CM graduates who compete for work with each other on a daily basis, a chance to socialize in a non-competitive venue, well at least till the bidding on the auction items started.

# State of the CM program

Starting in 2009, the Construction Management (CM) faculty and Construction Industry Advisory Council (CIAC) representatives started the process of developing a vision and strategic plan for the future of our CM program. Many hours were spent conducting a Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis of CM and establishing a clear vision for the program as it relates to the quality of the students we produce and our place in the construction industry. Through that process emerged a new CM strategic plan that we believe sets the stage for creating an even stronger and vibrant program that impacts the local, state, national, and international construction industry, while also enhancing the vision of the College of engineering strategic plan. Our strategic plan provides a roadmap to reach our shared vision of a better program and stronger industry.

The strategic plan was just a start. Beginning in the Fall 2011, the faculty with CIAC's help will begin the process of evaluating the CM program curriculum to ensure it meets the needs of future construction managers. To ensure we are producing only the best, it is important to evaluate each course and how they build toward high quality graduates.

In reflection, this year has been a busy and very successful one for the department. From the release of our strategic plan to the joint CM/CIAC research forum to the ACCE accreditation visit, the program has had a full plate of activity and achievements. While we have had challenges with regards to budget limitations and instructor position uncertainties, LSU CM is positioned to be a strong contributor to the college of engineering's strategic plan as well as a driver for an industry that is crucial to the state's economic development.

We are optimistic for the future of the CM program. We are fortunate to have a faculty that cares about delivering a quality product, the CM graduate, and research that can improve the competitiveness of our partners in industry.

The CM program belongs to the students, faculty, alumni, and industry stakeholders. Only through your engagement, input and support will CM realize its strategic plan. Each of us has a role in achieving that vision.

Below is a list of accomplishments for people in our program. While not totally inclusive of all of our successes, we hope it gives you just a glimpse of our strong program activity. On the faculty's behalf, I thank each of you for CIAC's continued support of the program. We will always have a program for which you will be proud to be a part of.

### FALL 2010:

- CM released its 5-year strategic plan
- CIAC continued their support of the program with presentation of two checks. One was the donation of \$40,000 CIAC Members. The second was the presentation of a check for \$14,242 from Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors from contractor's license renewals. This investment is just one of the ways CIAC continually support our program.
- CM Housing Competition team wins scholarship to attend NAHB competition.
- Dr. Hassan research into Pollution-Cleaning Pavement is picked up by the national press.
- CM student, John Carriere, directs a homeless shelter.
- 77 CM students graduated at the December commencement.

### SPRING 2011:

- CM and CIAC host Research Forum on campus.
- Student teams participated in the ABC and NAHB competitions.
- Monique Johnson, was recognized for her help in revitalizing Northdale community and also her work was featured on NBC's School Pride Makeover show that helped rebuild Lanier Elementary school.
- Heather Dylla, received the 2011 National Security Education Program (NSEP) David L. Boren Fellowship
- Stuart Adams, received funding from Pepsi to investigate hazard mitigation strategies.
- Rehema Monko, received the Schlumberger Foundation Faculty for the Future Award.
- Dr. Nahmens and Mr. Pecquet received the 2011 Tiger Athletic Foundation Teaching award.
- Eddie Risponse and ISC funded two new professorships for CM.
- Three CM students, LSU Rugby president, Paul Rogers; Tyler Ammerman; and Jeff Levasseur, participated in the second-ever USA Sevens Collegiate Rugby Championship.
- 70 CM students graduated at the May commencement.



## CIAC MEMBERS,

"On behalf of LSU's Construction Student Association, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all of CIAC's guidance and supervision this year and in previous years. CIAC's dedication to our group throughout the years has proven to be of great assistance to the students in further developing and sharpening the minds of our classmates. Each year we receive more support than from the previous year and this strong growth provides a stronger future for our careers.

Our relationship of students to industry assists in developing our networking skills through countless efforts of support. For example, the mentoring program provides a one-on-one atmosphere to answer students' questions, the competitions serve as a great sample on real world bidding, the discussion panel offers more insight on how to properly interview, and this is just to name a few. Your contributions are a tremendous benefit to our group and we would not be the same without you.

The CSA appreciates your enthusiasm and willingness to prepare us for the real world and we hope to give back to the students the opportunities you have given us. **Thank you again for all that you have done.**"

Sincerely,  
 The Construction Student Association  
 Nick Patrick  
 CSA President  
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## CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM STATISTICS 2010 - 2011 ACADEMIC YEAR

FACULTY	
13 Full-time (10 Permanent; 2 Temporary ; 1 Interim Chair)	
Total Undergraduate Teaching Full Time Equivalents: 9.75	

STUDENTS	
CM (majors)	= 407 (2nd Largest in the College of Engineering)
Freshman/ Underclassman	= 96
CM Minors	= 24
TOTAL STUDENTS	= 527

Graduates: December '10 = 78; May '11 = 75; August '11 = 20  
 Total Graduates: 173 (Total Graduates Including the First Graduating Class in 1972 = 2249)  
 Program Status: Upgraded General Classroom in CM Building to 48 Computer Stations; 48 Computer Station Lab/Classroom in 3136 Patrick F. Taylor Hall shared with Industrial Engineering; Satisfactory Rating from the SACS Accreditation Committee; Articulation Agreement with BRCC is in its final stage; Recently completed & submitted the ACCE Self-evaluation Study with a site visit scheduled for March 19-22.



## CIAC – Construction Industry Advisory Council MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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LSU Graduate? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

- Committee preference (please check):
- \_\_\_\_\_ Curriculum & Accreditation
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Department Enhancement
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Finance & Governance
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  - \_\_\_\_\_ Publicity & Promotion
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Student Enhancement

- Dues:
- \$1,000 for each REGULAR Member (Contractors and Owners)
  - \$500 for each ASSOCIATE Member (Suppliers and Service Companies)
  - \$50 for Jr. Membership\* Program (Graduate of LSU CM program in last 12 months)
  - \$250 for Jr. Membership\* Program (1st July of Jr. Membership Program)
  - \$250 for Jr. Membership\* Program (Final year of Jr. Membership Program)
- \*Jr. Members must actively work on a committee

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# CIAC Members' Experience

**Shines in the Classroom** By Mr. Don Schneider and Dr. Carol Friedland

This past year, a number of CIAC members contributed to the senior capstone experience of LSU Construction Management students by attending their midterm company formation presentations for the Construction Enterprise course. As part of this course, students form groups of three to five members to create a construction company, develop a project bid, and "manage" the project through completion. The course is meant to simulate industry experience, and CIAC member involvement in the pre-bid presentations was invaluable.

CIAC members added tremendous industry knowledge when asking students questions about their companies and through their critiques of students' efforts. Many members emphasized to the students how often they were required to make company presentations in the industry and to the public. When time permitted after the presentations, the students enjoyed more informal interaction with CIAC members.

With the added incentive of impressing CIAC visitors, the class instructors emphasized to the students the importance of being well prepared and ready to answer any questions about their companies. At least one student was hired by a CIAC member company after demonstrating his abilities in his project presentation, so students were definitely motivated to

put their best foot forward. Based on his experience of teaching the Construction Enterprise course for the past four years, Don Schneider can attest to the improved efforts of the students when they know one or more industry members will be in attendance.

LSU Construction Management thanks Mike Barber, Conrad Bourg, Marc Bourgeois, Rudy Comeaux, Scott Couper, Christian Generes, Todd Grigsby, Jeff Plauche, Neil Rome, Brent Vaughn, and Bryan Vollmer for volunteering their time this past semester. Through this partnership, we are together able to inspire the students to excellence.



## LSU CIAC Department Enhancement Committee Re-cap

The LSU CIAC Department Enhancement committee had a great and exciting year. Some of our activities included:

- Hosting a CIAC / LSU - CM Program Information and Research Forum. Topics included a recap of the CM undergraduate program, faculty information, faculty research presentations, new graduate program status, student presentations (CSA), and student competition information. The forum was held February 18, 2011 at the LSU Energy, Coast and Environment Building.
- Coordinating CIAC representatives to attend student presentations for the LSU Construction Enterprise course (CM 4202) in the Fall '10 and Spring '11 semesters. The representatives offered feedback to the students and were able to get a "first hand look" at the future industry professionals.

**If you would like to become involved, please email or call Brent Vaughn. [ciac@lsu.edu](mailto:ciac@lsu.edu)**



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I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE MEMBERS AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE CIAC.

From what you have read in our newsletter, you can clearly see that it is much more than the financial support that benefits the Department. It is the time of the individuals and the time of the organizations directly helping the students develop into successful CM Managers.

From what you have read here you can see how not only is your annual donation benefiting our great program, but also the time and members of your organization giving of their time helps the continued development of not only the CM Department but also directly helping the students develop into successful CM Managers.

If you are interested in participating in any of the committees please contact us and we will be glad to put you with the right person.

We are always looking for new members. Please take a minute to come up with one name of a person who you feel would enjoy giving back and can help support LSU CM Department.

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