

# CIM Patrons Report

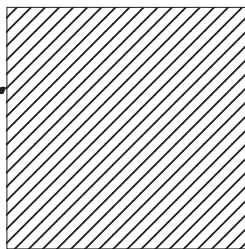
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## The Director's Corner



Austin Cheney, P.E., CMfgE  
Program Director, CIM

It's been a very busy school year. And as usual, the CIM faculty and staff have produced much more than expected.

Dr. Heather Brown has been very active with multiple research projects, in addition to teaching a full class load and sponsoring student activities.

Ms. Debbie Londré has arranged student development trips to Orlando for the INCON exposition, San Diego for the NRMCA Annual Convention, Las Vegas for World of Concrete trade show, and Salt Lake City for the MCPX show. And, the entire CIM team has been involved in visiting over 50 University 1010 classes in the fall to recruit students. The work has paid off, with an enrollment eclipsing 200 students!

Debbie worked with over 15 companies to sponsor socials for CIM students, and many more companies have interviewed on campus. Also, we have seen an increased interest from the concrete contracting community recently, thanks to the American Society of Concrete Contractors (ASCC) sponsoring students to attend their first Annual Convention last fall in Nashville, Tennessee. The door has been opened to reach out to this segment of the industry and improve CIM's ability to service the broader concrete community.

That opportunity has also allowed us to begin working with contractors to develop a concrete contracting concentration for CIM. However, it would not be possible without our greatest accomplishment in the young life of the CIM program. Thanks to amazing support from many industry leaders and MTSU administration, specifically President Sidney McPhee, the CIM program reached a major milestone. On Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2003, the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) approved the establishment of CIM as a stand-alone major (see *Major News story on page 3*).

Dr. McPhee stated that it was the fastest he has ever witnessed a program advancing from the Tennessee Board of Regents approval (in December) through THEC (in January). I acknowledge both the industry's many contributions and Dr. McPhee's willingness

## Building A Brighter Tomorrow

On Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, concrete contractors from across the eastern United States gathered at MTSU to begin developing a concrete contracting concentration for the Concrete Industry Management program.

Participants included: Paul Albanelli, Albanelli Cement Contractors; Brain Egan, Tennessee Department of Transportation; Billy Harper, Harper Construction; Andrew McPherson, Seretta Construction; Richard McPherson, Seretta Construction; Harry Moats, Precision Concrete; Ron Peltz, A.G. Peltz; Stan Reece, Stan Reece Concrete; Julie Luther, National Ready Mixed Concrete Association and a CIM Patron; Ward Poston, Holcim, (US) Inc. and a CIM Patron; Dr. Heather Brown, CIM Faculty, Austin Cheney, CIM Director; Joe Fulks, CIM Faculty and Debra Londré, CIM Staff.

Dr. Walter Boles, Engineering Technology and Industrial Studies Department Chair, gave the welcoming remarks and Dr. Tom Cheatham, Dean of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, addressed the group prior to lunch. Substantial progress was made thanks to the active participation of the attendees. Current plans are to finalize the curriculum by early May. The proposed new curriculum will likely begin in Fall, 2004, with graduates as early as 2006.

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to expend political capital to move CIM forward. In Dr. McPhee, the concrete industry has found a true partner and friend.

I'm convinced that the Concrete Industry Management program's greatest achievements lie in the future, waiting for us to reach out and grasp the vision of a true professional development center for the concrete industry. I envision a community where undergraduate students and practicing professionals looking for advanced opportunities can share a common bond, a place that promotes and advances the concrete industry and exemplifies partnership between industry and the academy, home to a broad-based research program in both concrete technology and applied business practices, and the single most common thought of the average citizen when they hear the word "concrete."

## 2003 ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition

The CIM Program students worked hard to construct the mold for this year's concrete canoe for the ASCE Conference in Miami, Florida, hosted by Florida International University. The accompanying pictures were taken in the fall semester when the students prepared the mold for the canoe's shape. The canoe was poured at the beginning of the spring semester.



All the plans were coming together in order for the canoe to be ready for the competition. Thirteen students and their advisor, Dr. Heather Brown were to attend the conference. The students were: Michael Biggers, Michael Bovine, Josh Cornwall, Josh Gaines, Amy Koonce, Matthew Hutzler, Adam Meadors, Forrest Moodie, Albert Mudd, Mike Rigby, Michael Rowland, Fred White, and Christina Winslow. All the students were excited to be a part of this year's conference.



Unfortunately, due to uncontrollable circumstances the canoe was unable to enter the competition. The truck carrying the trailer broke down during travel and our valuable cargo was damaged. The rest of the group, having already

flown to Miami, attended the conference. They participated in the T-shirt competition and volunteered their time to help out on the Saturday competitions. The overall winner of the competition was the University of Puerto Rico. Pictured below are some of the students who attended.

The ACI student chapter gives a very special thanks to all of this year's sponsors for their support on the canoe: W.R. Grace Inc., Davis Colors, 84 Lumber, Holcim (US) Inc., Screen Art, Master Builders Inc., Dusty & Sons Concrete Walls, Lascassas, Structural Group, and 3M.



## Company Visits to the CIM Campus

Fall 2002 provided CIM students with tremendous opportunities to meet concrete industry company representatives. Eleven companies sponsored student socials, most of which were held at MTSU's Foundation House and featured a company presentation along with a variety of catered dinners.

The first visit was by *Structural Group* on September 10. *OldCastle* visited on the 19<sup>th</sup>, and *Lafarge* rounded out the month on the 24<sup>th</sup>. October was very busy with five companies visiting the campus. *Master Builders* arrived on the 8<sup>th</sup>; *W.R. Grace* on the 15<sup>th</sup>; *Cemex* on the 24<sup>th</sup>; and *Euclid Chemical* on the 29<sup>th</sup>. A unique breakfast social by *Transit Mix* finished up the month on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

In November, three student socials were held. *Command Alkon* entertained on the 7<sup>th</sup>, *Metro Ready Mix* on the 12<sup>th</sup>, and *Florida Independent Concrete and Associated Products, Inc. (FICAP)* ended the semester's socials on the 19<sup>th</sup>.



During the semester a few companies opted to give interviews for internships and graduating seniors from the CIM program. Companies who interviewed included *Structural Group*, *Lafarge*, *W.R. Grace*, *Cemex*, *Transit Mix*, *Lithko*, and *Century Concrete*.

The spring semester brought a few more companies to MTSU to visit with the CIM students. First *RMC Allied* visited and interviewed in February. That same week the students were invited to a social at *TRMCA's* convention in Franklin, TN. *SI Fibermesh* hosted a social the following week. During the last week of February, *Cemex* invited the seniors to a social dinner and conducted interviews the next day. That same day, *Master Builders* interviewed students for internships and full time positions. In March, *Dare Concrete* hosted the last social of the semester, and interviewed the following day.

The CIM program encourages all students to attend the socials and seek their many benefits for the future. This unique industry program welcomes all companies who are interested in meeting our students. For more information, please contact Debbie Londré at 615-904-8599 or [dlondre@mtsu.edu](mailto:dlondre@mtsu.edu).

# Major Program News

On Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2003, the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) approved the establishment of CIM as a stand-alone major. In addition, CIM is the first program in the Tennessee Higher Education System to be approved at the newly mandated 120 credit hour requirement for all degree programs.

MTSU President Sidney McPhee stated that it was the fastest he has ever witnessed a program advancing from the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) approval in December through THEC in January. He attributes the rapid approval to the vast amount of industry support that CIM has received and the model partnership between academia and industry the Program represents.

We now have a much more rigorous, focused 120-hour major. In addition, we have incorporated more concrete courses and added flexibility to better enable students to choose career paths within the concrete industry. Status as a major also provides us with increased positive exposure: both through the recent news releases concerning the THEC action and because CIM will now occupy a more prestigious position in the MTSU undergraduate catalog.

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## Thank You for Giving Your Time

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The CIM Program would like to thank all the industry people who have taken time from their busy schedules to speak to the various CIM Classes. Your dedication and efforts are appreciated and your voices influence the students' future in the concrete industry.

The following people have spoken to the CM-1010, Introduction to Concrete Industry Management, this spring: Steve Herron, *Metro Ready Mix*; Ward Poston, *Holcim (US) Inc.*; Denny Lind, *Master Builders*; Leigh Cheney, *TRMCA*; Terry Hughes, *W.R. Grace*; Rusty Meeks, *Metromont*; Mike Kusch, *Sherman Dixie*; Randy Huffman, *Southland Brick and Block*; Bill Allen, *Allen & Associates*; Darrick Proffitt, *Stephens Manufacturing*; Stan Reese, *Stan Reese Concrete*. Thank you for giving the first year students your view on the concrete industry.

# Undergraduate Concrete Research

by Dr. Heather J. Brown



The concrete lab has seen a lot of activity over the past school year. MTSU graciously bought \$27,500 worth of freeze-thaw equipment in August 2002, which has sparked some interest in concrete laboratory testing. Several regional companies have been requesting testing of their concrete for plastic properties, set time, hardened properties and freeze-thaw capability.

The exciting part of this relationship is the ability to include undergraduate students in the research. We have 9 students who have dedicated many long, hard hours in the lab preparing samples, batching, mixing, molding, and testing. I feel it is important to mention these students because they have all been dedicated students with great attitudes: Isaac Baxter, Josh Cornwall, Drew Cox, David Dodd, Josh Hamilton, Amy Koonce, Marcelo Moreno, Kenny Owens, and Ben Petzinger. Also, several companies have bought equipment for the laboratory to further our abilities. W.R. Grace Inc. bought a modulus of elasticity frame for concrete cylinders, Metro Ready Mixed Concrete Inc. and Ready Mixed Concrete Inc. donated several boxes of cylinder molds, IMI has donated tons of coarse and fine aggregate, Holcim (US) Inc. has donated bags of Type I cement, Durafiber has donated several bags of synthetic fiber, SEFA donated Class F fly ash and Master Builders and W.R. Grace kept us stocked with various admixtures for routine testing and innovative research. Command Alkon has also donated updated software to our computer lab for batching and dispatching.

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The CM-3100, Application of Concrete Construction, class thanks guest speaker Bob Pirro from *Structural Group* for his discussion and insight on the industry. A special thanks goes to *Command Alkon's* Mandy Cherry and Jim Wagner for visiting the CM-4050, Management of Concrete Product Ordering and Delivering class.

Thanks also goes to Dale Methven from *W.R. Grace* for speaking to the fall and spring CM-4910 Capstone classes about interviewing and resume etiquette.

We also would like to thank the gentlemen who set time aside to administer the ACI field Level One Test for the CM-3000 Fundamentals for Concrete Properties and Testing class. Dennis Lind, *Master Builders*; Clark Gates, *SEFA*; Bryan Strevel, *SEFA*; Matt Dryden, *Metro Ready Mix*; Tim Kohler, *Lafarge*; Jackie Beavers, *IMI*; Ward Poston, *Holcim (US) Inc.*; Jim Speakman, *Durafiber Inc.*; Bob Elliott, *Lafarge*.

# The 2003 Program Graduates

**Alex Arnold** will be graduating in May 2003. He is from Readyville, TN and is the son of Edgar Arnold and Rhonda Thomas. Alex has been a member of ACI and was the founding father of Farmhouse Fraternity at MTSU. He aspires to work in sales or human resources.

**Benjamin Ashworth** graduates in December 2003. He is the son of Bill Ashworth and Jill Balthrop, and is from Franklin, TN. Ben received the FICAP Senior Scholarship, and interned for *Maschmeyer Concrete Company* in Florida for the summer of 2002. His plans are to work within the ready-mix or concrete construction sectors of our industry.

**Michael W. Biggers** is the son of William, a materials truck driver, and Nellie Biggers from Tallapoosa, GA. After Michael graduates in May 2003, *Wayne Davis Concrete Company* has a position for him as a quality assurance engineer. Michael has also interned with *Wayne Davis Concrete Company* for the past six summers. He has received scholarships from H.O.P.E., *Wayne Davis Concrete Company* and the Georgia Concrete and Products Association. At MTSU Michael kept busy as a member of the ACI student chapter and participated in the cube and concrete canoe competitions.

**Josh Cornwall** comes from Columbia, TN and is the son of Dustin and Denise Cornwall. As a graduate of the December 2003 class, he received several of the CIM scholarships: the Dr. Earl Keese, TRMCA Co-op, IRMCA, CFMA, and the CIM general scholarship. Josh comes from a concrete industry family. His father owns *Dusty & Sons Concrete Walls*, where Josh has interned for the past five years. Both of his brothers also work in the industry with one owning a concrete flatwork crew and the other working for *OldCastle*. During his years at MTSU he has played an active roll in the ACI student chapter by being a member for three years and chapter President for the past two years. Josh aspires to be a construction manager or a foreman for a crew.

**Drew Cox** graduates in May 2003. He is from Murfreesboro, TN and is the son of Dirk and Jennifer Cox. Drew first interned for his uncle's company, *Cox Concrete*, in Orlando, FL in the summer of 2000 and then for *Buckeye Ready Mix* in 2001. Drew has been active with ACI and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, where he was a warden and sports chair. Drew has accepted a position with *Cox Concrete* when he graduates.

**David Coy** will be graduating in August 2003. He is attending MTSU on a football scholarship. David is originally from Wentzville, MO and is the son of Phillip and Pamela Coy. *Law Engineering* gave him the opportunity to intern in the summer of 2001. David has obtained a position with *Transit Mix*.

**David Dodd** comes from Soddy-Daisy, TN and is the son of Dannie and Suzan Dodd. He will be graduating in May 2003, with hopes of starting out in the industry as a project manager. While here at MTSU he has been an active member of the ACI student chapter, Pi Kappa Alpha, and an SGA Senator, Treasurer, and Sergeant at Arms. He is at MTSU on the IRMCA scholarship, and David interned for *Concrete Supply Company* in 2001.

**Josh Gaines** will be graduating in December 2003. He is from Soddy-Daisy, TN and is the son of Teresa Selcer. Throughout his time in the CIM program he has received the Enrichment Scholarship and scholarships from NAWIC and TRMCA Co-op. Josh has participated in the ACI student chapter as the treasurer one year and the vice-president another year. He is also, a member of the PCI student chapter and SAWIC at MTSU. Josh looks towards the future with plans of being in a management position in the concrete industry.

**Josh Hamilton** is the son of Gary and Patricia Hamilton from Nashville, TN. He will be graduating in May 2003. Josh has had the opportunity to intern with a fund-raising firm, *Light-house Counsel*. He has participated in ACI student chapter, Victory and is the vice president of the MTSU Baseball Club. He has also helped Dr. Brown on numerous grant projects. Josh aspires to work in admixture sales in the industry.

**Scott Hanks** originates from Rising Sun, Maryland and is the son of Walter Hanks, Jr., Rebecca Hanks, and Bill Meurer. He will be graduating in December 2003. Scott's father, Walter Hanks, Jr. works for Lafarge. Scott interned for Lafarge in the 2002 summer and is on a Lafarge scholarship. He is active in Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity at MTSU. Scott would like a management position with a ready-mix company.

**Loreida V. Jennings** is the daughter of Vincent and Alfreida Jennings from Atlanta, GA. She will graduate from the CIM program in May 2003. Loreida was awarded the National Association of Women in Construction, the *Blue Circle-Lafarge*, and the MTSU Scholastic Achievement scholarships. Loreida started interning with *Blue Circle* in the summer of 1999, with *Lafarge* in the summer of 2001, and then with the *Nashville Legal Department* for the 2002 summer. She is a member of the ACI student chapter and secretary for one year, Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society President, National Student Rep, the MTSU debate team, and MTSU 101 Leaders. After graduation Loreida plans to become a project coordinator or business manager, but hopes ultimately to become a lawyer for the ready-mix industry.

# The 2003 Program Graduates

**Erik Jones** will be graduating from MTSU in August 2003. He is from Nashville, TN and is the son of Russell and Delores Jones. Erik comes from a family that works in the industry, his grandfather for forty years and his father for the last five years. Erik attended the 2003 World of Concrete in Las Vegas, and hopes to obtain a position in management within the ready-mix industry.

**Loretta Luckado** comes from Nashville, TN and has the support of her husband Chuck and her two daughters Monica and Caitlin. She is at MTSU on the TRMCA scholarship and plans to graduate in December 2003. She has been working with *Metro Government-ADA Compliance* since April 2001. In Loretta's spare time she is a volunteer Troop Leader for the Cumberland Girl Scout Council and a parent volunteer for the Glenclyff High School Band and color guard.

**Brannon S. McGiboney** will be graduating in August 2003. He is from Buford, GA and is the son of Arnold and Judy McGiboney. Brannon is at MTSU on a Georgia Concrete Product Association Scholarship. He is a member of Kappa Sigma and the ACI student chapter and had the opportunity to intern during the summers of 2001 and 2002 with *RMC Allied Ready Mix*. Brannon wishes to obtain a position in the ready-mix industry in sales, operations, or project management.

**David Medina, Jr.** is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Medina, Sr. from Belize, Central America. David has worked in the industry with his family's business, *Medina Ready Mix*. He will be graduating from the CIM program in August 2003. David plans to work in concrete construction, plant management, or quality control after graduation.

**Jonathan Miley** is the son of Jim and DeVera Miley who are from Hendersonville, TN. He will graduate in August 2003 from the CIM program. Jonathan has been involved at MTSU as a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Upon graduation he hopes to have a position in sales or project management in the concrete industry.

**Marcelo Moreno** will be graduating in December 2003. He is the son of Ismael and Lidia Moreno from Dickson, TN. Marcelo interned with *Grace Concrete Products* in the summer of 2002. He is an ACI student chapter member who participated in the concrete canoe competition. After graduation, Marcelo plans to have a position in sales or concrete repair.

**Albert Mudd** originates from Tracys Landing, MD and is the son of Ray and Heidi Mudd. Albert will be graduating in December 2003. The Maryland Ready Mixed Concrete Association awarded Albert with a scholarship for the CIM program. In the summer of 2002 he interned with *Chaney Enterprises*. At MTSU he is active with Kappa Sigma as the recruitment chair, a member of chapter relations, and participating in intramural sports. Albert wishes to obtain a sales or project management position.

**Rondell Newson** comes from Decatur, GA and his parents are Lewis and Lunell Newson. He graduates in May 2003 from the CIM program. Rondell is a football and basketball player, and serves as the president of African Americans in Concrete (AAC). He interned for *Unicon Concrete* in the 2002 summer. Rondell hopes to have a position as a quality control manager.

**Kenneth Owens** will graduate in May 2003. He is the son of Ken and Patricia Owens from New Johnsonville, TN. In the summer of 2002, he interned for *Robin Construction Company*. Kenneth is active at MTSU with Pi Kappa Alpha as the scholarship chair, house manager, a member of the financial committee, brother at large, and a parliamentarian. He received the J.D. and Marge Vance Scholarship and had a full academic scholarship from the marketing department before he changed majors. Kenneth has accepted a position with the *Pullman Power*.

**Brandon Pickens** is the son of Marvin and Gail Pickens from Henderson, TN. He will be graduating in December 2003. As a CIM student, Brandon is on a TRMCA scholarship. He has held office twice as Kappa Sigma's president and treasurer. Brandon desires a position in the industry with concrete operations, construction, project manager, plant manager, or with decorative concrete placement.

**Reginald Polk** will be graduating from the CIM program in May 2003. He is from Douglasville, GA and is the son of Johnny and Charlene Polk. Reginald is at MTSU on a full athletic football scholarship. Reginald keeps active by being a member of the football team, PCI student chapter, and as a co-founder of African Americans in Concrete (AAC). Reginald has an uncle in the construction industry and seeks a position in the industry with sales or management.

**Jacob Andrew Romancky** will be graduating in December 2003. He is from Spring Hill, FL and is the son of Albert and Linda Romancky. Jacob interned for *Mid Coast Concrete* in the summer of 2000, *Unicon Concrete* in the 2001 summer, *Lakeshore Concrete* in the 2002 summer, and at *Smyrna Ready Mix* during the 2001 and 2002 school years. Jacob is the third generation of his family to be in the industry. The Romancky family has been in the ready mix concrete industry since 1949 and Jacob's father is a former owner of a ready mix business, which he sold in the summer of 2001. While at MTSU Jacob has been an ACI student chapter member and participated in the concrete canoe competition. He is also an ACI national chapter member. Upon graduation he would like to be a QC department manager, hopefully leading him to a general management position.

## ACI Student Chapter Update

**Laine Saunders** is the daughter of Ellen Saunders from Chattanooga, TN. She is graduating in May 2003 from the CIM program. Laine is at MTSU on the *Lafarge*, MTSU Provost, and the St. Timothy's Episcopal Church scholarships. In her extra time Laine is president of SAWIC (former vice-president), a member of ACI, the MTSU Performing Arts Company and MTSU Senior Dance Company, and she also serves on the ETIS Student Advisory Board. Laine has accepted a position with *Maschmeyer Concrete Company* in Lake Park, FL.

**Mason Sellers** is from Franklin, TN and is the son of Kathy Sellers. He will be graduating in May 2003. Mason interned in Baltimore, MD for *Structural Preservation*. He has accepted a position starting in June with *Structural Preservation* as a project engineer.

**Charity Trull** will be graduating in May 2003 from the CIM program. She originates from Huntingdon, TN and her parents are Alan Trull, and Steve and Patricia McClure. Charity has a National Association for Women in Construction scholarship. She is working for *Robin Construction Services, Inc.*, where she has been since 2001. While at MTSU she has been an ACI student chapter member and secretary for SAWIC during the spring 2002 semester.

**Erik Wagner** originates from Hatboro, PA and is the son of Michael, who owns his own concrete contracting business, and Elizabeth Wagner. He will be graduating in May 2003. Erik has been involved with the ACI student chapter as both vice-president and project committee chairman. Also, he has interned for *Metro Ready Mix* from 1999 to 2001, *Delaware Valley Concrete* in the summers of 2000 and 2001, and *Irving Materials Inc.* from 2002 to 2003. Erik hopes to have a position with a ready-mix company in management and then eventually own his own business.

**Walton Williams** is the son of Dennis and Sue Williams from Savannah, TN. He will graduate with the May 2003 class. Walton participated in the 2002 ACI concrete canoe competition. His father and brothers are in the ready-mix concrete business, and Walton has a position in management with his family at their retail building materials company.

The ACI Student Chapter at Middle Tennessee has been busy again this year. New officers were elected in September to were: Josh Cornwall, President; Josh Gaines, VP; Adam Meadors, Secretary; and Mike Rigby, Treasurer.

The focus this year has been participation in community service projects and annual competitions. The student chapter poured a 12-foot diameter patio for Campus Elementary School for a student memoriam. We also volunteered to build a 35 cubic yard sidewalk in the shape of a butterfly at the Rutherford County Community Care Center. Other volunteer groups are planting flowers and trees around the area to encourage butterflies and caterpillars to breed.

Past Vice President Al Gore was at the groundbreaking ceremony and we were able to publicize the CIM program on Channel 2 News. The project will be completed by April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, we spent many months preparing for the concrete canoe competition that was held in Miami, Florida. Information about that competition can be found on page 2.

Thank you to all of our continuing support and sponsors that make our small projects turn out big.

### About the CIM Patrons

The CIM Patrons are a group of industry executives who work in conjunction with university officials to help promote the program to others, assist in the recruitment of students, and implement projects and initiatives. Many in this group are the people who first established the CIM program.

The purpose of the CIM Patrons organization is to continuously provide support, promotion and advancement for the *Concrete Industry Management Program*.

The CIM Patrons is recognized by the IRS as a 501-C3, non profit organization. Currently, the only income the organization receives are donations and its limited fund raising events.

All contributions received are dedicated to fulfilling the CIM Patrons' responsibilities. They include:

- Student recruitment;
- program promotion;
- provide consultants assuring the program meets industry needs;
- set meetings and workshops;
- development of scholarship opportunities and endowments;
- help maintain the curriculum and promote the program on state and national levels.

## Ordering and Delivering with Command Alkon

Jim Wagner with Command Alkon recently spoke to the CM 4050 class, *Management of Concrete Products—Ordering and Delivering*.

Jim, long recognized as a leading expert in scheduling and dispatching, gave the students an overview of the history and philosophy of dispatching and led the students in a manual scheduling exercise. This was followed by 12 hours of additional instruction by Mandy Cherry, Training Specialist with Command Alkon. Mandy led the students in order entry and scheduling exercises using the Command Concrete program.



Orders were then ticketed and training continued as trucks were tracked during the various stages of delivery. This is another example of industry involvement and cooperation in making the CIM Program so successful.

## CIM Students Tour the Nation

One of the many advantages in being a CIM student is the opportunity to interact with members of the industry. The support that the CIM program receives from companies, individuals and MTSU, allows students to travel to industry trade shows, meetings, seminars and other events.

This participation is essential to the student's growth and understanding of the magnitude of their career choice. Throughout the 2002-2003 school year we were able to send many of the junior and senior students to various industry shows. At each of the shows, the CIM program had a booth staffed by students who passed out program recruitment information to prospective students. The students were also able to attend a select number of seminars at the various shows.

Fifteen students attended INCON in Orlando, FL. That show was the first annual trade and educational show sponsored by FC&PA and co-partnered by the other southeast state concrete associations. Fourteen seniors attend the NRMCA Annual Convention in San Diego, CA. Eleven sponsored students attended World of Concrete in Las Vegas, NV. Four students attended the Manufactured Products Association Trade Show in Salt Lake City, UT.

And, 14 students competed in the Southeast Regional ASCE Conference in Miami, FL in the concrete canoe, t-shirt, mystery, technical paper, and concrete dome events.

Thank you all for your continued support!

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## CIM Student Receives Award

Amy Koonce, a senior in the CIM program, has received an undergraduate research grant for work that she is going to complete by Summer 2003. Each year the College of Basic and Applied Sciences awards ten \$1000 grants to deserving students who have written a research proposal asking for support. There are 3,500 students that are open to apply and Amy was chosen as one of ten recipients. Austin Cheney and Heather Brown will be her advisors through the project completion.

The title of her project is "Research and Development of Stabilized Sludge".

Congratulations Amy!



Dr. Heather J. Brown and Amy Koonce at Undergraduate Research Awards Dinner

## W.R. Grace Makes Annual Donation

W.R. Grace representatives Rick Conlin and Steve Cox recently visited the Program to present Grace's annual donation check for \$6000.

Pictured at right is CIM Program Director, Austin Cheney and Rick Conlin with W.R. Grace.



## NAWIC Scholarships Go to CIM Students

The Nashville Chapter of NAWIC awarded three MTSU students with scholarships. Those students are Justin Buckner, Loreida Jennings and Joshua Joseph Gaines.

The Memphis NAWIC Chapter awarded Charity Trull a scholarship and the Chattanooga Chapter awarded Justin Buckner a Scholarship.

All scholarship recipients are students in the CIM program.

Also, Donna Lamb, a recent CIM Program graduate and a board member of the Nashville NAWIC chapter, was elected Recording Secretary for the chapter.

NAWIC's national president is Linda Litle, with EMCOR Dynalectric Company in San Diego California.

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