

CIM Patrons Report



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Message From The CIM Program Interim Director, Dr. Heather J. Brown



This has been another banner year for the MTSU CIM program. We have grown to a student population of more than 320, with approximately 55 graduates during 2006. We have enjoyed our 10th anniversary year and feel great pride in the accomplishments thus far. Our current activities include branching the curriculum to a track for Concrete Contracting which has sprouted new effort in recruiting companies that focus on concrete construction.

Our newly formed Executive Advisory Council (see *MTSU CIM forms Executive Advisory Council on page 5*) will oversee the curriculum development. We have taught three of the seven new courses thus far and expect graduates from this concentration by 2008. We continue to try and diversify the companies that recruit from the program as we grow. This breadth will help in keeping our graduate job placement rate the highest on campus.

Involvement with the three new expansion CIM schools is an important activity as we pass along our years of experiences and disseminate curriculum. This Fall, each of the three schools sent their directors to immerse themselves in our culture for a week. It was a busy week with socials, meetings, brainstorming sessions and tours. Each of the other directors left our campus with a great appreciation for the model that has been created and passed on.

The National Steering Committee has taken on a larger role by overseeing all four CIM schools and stepping up their fundraising efforts to help sustain the programs. This effort is being led by Mr. Gene Martineau, Chairman, Mr. Mike Shydrowski, Vice Chairman and Dr. Earl Keese, Executive Director. Information about the NSC efforts can be found at www.concretedegree.com which was created by Brian Gallagher. In addition, the NSC has taken on the task of organizing the World of Concrete charity auction which is a testament to the industry support from which we have continued to benefit.

In addition we have three new scholarships this year. Sika Corporation, Titan American and J.W. Victory have all started yearly scholarships for our students.

Florida Independent Concrete and Associated Products, Inc., (FICAP) board directors voted this year to contribute funds from their annual conference towards the CIM program to be used in the lab. Thanks to all!

Our students have risen to the occasion on many fronts as you will read in the following articles. Through research, community service, concrete competitions and student club activities, you won't find a better group of college students rallying for their major day in and day out. This industry breeds passion and we feel fortunate that we can instill that in young minds as they go forward with their career. The students take pride in being a CIM major. You don't have to be around the CIM program very long to realize that everyone here is 100% behind the future of the industry and the future of generations to come.

Concrete Canoe To Set Sail Again in the Spring

The CIM program at MTSU is planning on competing in the annual concrete canoe competition held as part of the 2007 American Society of Civil Engineers Southeast Regional Student Conference. The ASCE Student Chapter at the University of Tennessee will be hosting the event, with the canoe competitions taking place in *The Cove*, just off Northshore Drive in Knoxville on March 29-31.

The 2007 competition will be the CIM program's second consecutive entry into the competition. Last years canoe, *Lightning*, was considered a success. The program's current canoe, *Flagship*, promises to be lighter, faster, and more competitive. The student team has been working hard on mix designs and the form construction since early September.

The program anticipates eight students participating in the competition, but hopes to see strong support from all CIM students, alumni, and industry affiliates due to the proximity of the competition.

We hope to see you there!

ACI Student Chapter

On the Rise and Contributing Along the Way

By Matt Flynn

Guest Speakers Helped the Program During the Fall 2006 Semester

In 2005, our ACI chapter accomplished many things as we continued to grow and progress toward enhancing our education in the Concrete Industry Management Program at Middle Tennessee State University.

Led by Daniel Bugbee and Kabir Sandhu, we engaged with the Murfreesboro School District and the Rutherford County Community Care Center, in our efforts to reach out to the community. Last spring, ACI collaborated with the school district to place a scale model of NASA's Saturn V rocket launch pad in their courtyard. This fall, again, led by Daniel, we placed much-needed sidewalks and a wheelchair ramp at the Rutherford County nursing home. Our efforts in both of these projects were highly appreciated and were certainly rewarding for the members that participated, as we look forward to contributing to the area in the future.

ACI was able to raise and donate a considerable amount of money—something that traditionally we haven't done. ACI was able to donate \$4,200 for sixteen students to attend the American Society of Concrete Contractors Annual Conference in Milwaukee last September. We were also able to contribute \$2,400 to our Concrete Canoe team, when they compete in the American Society of Civil Engineer's Canoe Competition in April of 2007.

Earlier this year we started a permanent fundraising program that will keep our chapter in stable financial condition. Jenny Gibson created a new logo for CIM, and ACI is creating a new look for CIM supporters. We are making polo shirts and T-shirts, that will be sold to students, alumni, and industry professionals. This source of funds should allow us to expand our resources and achieve a greater level of success.

Looking forward, our goals for next semester are to continue improving the chapter and the program, in addition to bringing the students closer to the industry and professionals.

The 2005 – 2006 Officers:

President	Matt Flynn (Fall), Jenny Gibson (Spring)
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“The sole purpose of the CIM Patrons organization is to continuously provide support and advancement for the **Concrete Industry Management Program**, ensuring its long-term success for the benefit of the concrete industry.”

The research from the CIM program at MTSU mainly focuses on the practical application of concrete technology, especially in the fields of material characterization, mechanical testing, and durability evaluation. Our faculty members have been actively participating in various aspects of research and industrial collaboration that contribute to solving real problems that face the concrete industry.

Dr. Zhifu Yang's primary research interest lies in the area of microstructure characterization and the relationship between constituent materials, microstructure, and long-term performance. He has conducted various studies on the crack formation in concrete and how it influences the life-cycle performance of concrete structures.

Specifically, Dr. Yang has focused his research on the fundamental understanding of the transport mechanisms of moisture and aggressive chemicals in concrete and how they affect the long-term durability. The result of his research has provided valuable information for improving the accuracy of life-cycle performance modeling of concrete structures.

Additionally, Dr. Yang's research interests include pervious concrete and fiber reinforced concrete. He is currently investigating the properties and freeze and thaw durability of both plain and fiber-reinforced pervious concretes. The main objective of this research is to develop strong and durable pervious concrete and to develop adequate methods for characterizing the pervious concrete for quality control and quality assurance.

Dr. Heather Brown continues to foster undergraduate research with several companies. This year, Dr. Brown worked on fiber applications with the following companies: Durafiber Inc. and Buckeye Technologies; fiber properties with Propex; slump loss study with IMI Inc; cement color analysis with Hanley Wood; freeze thaw testing with BASF; pervious water quality with TCA; and concrete stair construction with Bruce Suprenant and Ward Malisch.

Dr. Brown has also joined a consortium of faculty to create the MIMIC center to study microstructure and elemental analysis of cement and concrete. This center houses an SEM, TEM, and ICP-MS which Dr. Brown is trained and able to do research. She also has access to an MDXRF with the geology department under the direction of Dr. Warner Cribb. If you are interested in learning more about the center (www.mtsu.edu/~mimic) or want to pursue analysis please contact Dr. Heather J. Brown (hjbrown@mtsu.edu).

Michael Acton is from Trenton, NJ. He is the son of Lynne and Mike Acton. During the summer of 2005, Michael interned with *W.R. Grace* in Phoenix, AZ. Michael was one of two students sponsored by the Tennessee Concrete Association to attend the Certified Concrete Sales Professional course. He has secured a job with *Master Builder's BASF* in Seattle, WA.

Ryan Camp is the son of Jimmy and Donna Camp, and is originally from Fayetteville, TN. He interned for Superior Decorative Concrete. Ryan was very active in ACI and intramural softball, and was the captain of the Concrete Canoe Competition team. Ryan and his brother have started a decorative concrete company in Fayetteville, TN.

Andrew DeVries calls Palos Heights, IL home. He is the son of Richard and Laura DeVries. While at MTSU, Andrew served as the ACI Secretary. He interned for *Ozinga Bros.* in the summer of 2005, and has accepted a position in management with them upon graduation.

Brad Ensey is the son of Keith and Gloria Ensey from Murfreesboro, TN. Brad has accepted a position as a Process Engineer with *Tindall* in South Carolina.

Brandy Finney is the daughter of Ernest and Donna Finney of Hillsboro, TN. Brandy wishes to work in sales or as a management trainee. She interned with *Tarmac* in the summer of 2005, and has accepted a full-time position with them upon graduation.

Daniel Harris is from Murfreesboro, TN. He is the son of Jim and Kaye Harris. Daniel received the Presidential scholarship, and the *Tennessee Concrete Association* scholarship. He did the *Tennessee Concrete Association's* "Count on Concrete" Bike Ride internship in the summer of 2004, and interned with the *Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity* in the summer of 2005. He has accepted a job with *Cemex* upon graduation.

Joel Henley calls Nashville, TN home. He interned with *Sherman Dixie Concrete Company* from May 2005 to January 2006 and *Turner Universal Construction Company* from January 2006 to May 2006. Joel has accepted a full-time job as a Logistics Engineer with *Turner Universal Construction Company*.

Samuel Huckaby is the son of Anthony and Cheryl Huckaby. He interned with Charter Construction from August 2004 to May 2006. Upon graduation, Samuel would like a position in sales or project management. Sam accepted a position with *Central Precast* in Liverpool, CA.

William Kerstiens, Jr. is from Loretto, TN. He is the son of Billy and Jamie Kerstiens and David and Anita Long. William received the National Science Foundation scholarship, was on the Dean's List, a member of ACI, and participated on the Concrete Canoe Competition team. He interned with *Maricopa Ready Mix* in Scottsdale, AZ in the summers of 2004 and 2005 and has accepted a position as the Assistant Operations Manager for *Maricopa*.

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CIM Program Welcomes Three New Additions

Sally Bradford joined the CIM staff in February 2005 as the CIM



Secretary. With such a broad job title comes many duties and responsibilities. Ms. Bradford handles the majority of the day-to-day duties for the CIM Program. This involves anything from handling accounts, to maintaining program budget, and administering MTSU matters, such as inputting and changing student information. Sally also

assists with scheduling and coordinating student trips. Ms. Bradford also has a commitment to manage issues for the CIM Patrons and the Fiber Reinforced Concrete Association (FRCA). Sally and her daughter, Amber, live in Murfreesboro, TN

Becky Linville joined the CIM staff in July as the new Marketing

and Recruitment Coordinator.

Becky spent several years as a computer programmer in Tyler, Texas and St. Louis, before moving back home to Tennessee in 1998. In 2003, she began graduate work at MTSU where she received a Master's Degree and an Educational Specialist Degree, both in Higher Education Administration. Before coming to the CIM Program, Becky served as Interim Program Coordinator for the McNair Scholars Program at MTSU. Becky and her husband, Stan, have a 16-year-old son, Andy.



James Arnold (Tripp) joined the program in August of 2006, af-



ter graduating from the Concrete Industry Management program. He currently serves as a graduate research assistant and as lab manager for the program. Tripp oversees three sections of laboratory work for the Fundamentals of Concrete class. He is also pur-

suing a Masters of Business Administration with a concentration in Information Systems and Finance, and plans to graduate in May 2008. Tripp is also involved on campus in many aspects including serving as a Graduate Senator for the Student Government Association. You can always keep up with Tripp at www.mtsu.edu/~jra2s.

Students Place First in ACI Concrete Construction Competition

Earlier this fall, seniors John Vaughan, Erik Payne, Christian Warren, Rob Masteller and project manager Nick Edwards—all students in Dr. Brown's senior level concrete problems and repair class, assembled to discuss, analyze, and develop a solution to a hypothetical situation.

The problem was created by ACI Concrete Construction Liaison Committee as a competition between universities. Its focus was to put together a bid for any changes, submittals, or additions that would occur to a warehouse slab that involved cold weather concrete placement instead of ambient weather placement.

The students submitted the problem to Dr. Heather Brown for an initial judging among the students. Then, the best five teams were submitted to ACI. In early October the students were notified by Luke Snell, competition coordinator, that they had won first place in the competition.

The students split a \$300 prize and \$500 in travel funds and were invited to the ACI Convention in Denver, CO. While attending, they were honored at an awards luncheon and exposed to an industry board of professionals and contractors.

Among other things, the five students were able to tour the Coors Brewery, see some of the mountain towns that surround Denver, and enjoy a meal at the famous Old Fort restaurant in Morrison, CO.



MTSU CIM Forms Executive Advisory Council (EAC)

Henry Batten, Chairman	Concrete Supply Co.
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Terry Alby	Alby Materials Inc.
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Gary Fust	BASF
Bob Grich	Gerdau Ameristeel
Al Hancock	US Concrete
Steve Herron	Metro Ready Mix
George Hossenlopp	Florida Rock Industries
John Kemp	Oldcastle
Jimmy Keys	Rinker Materials/Keys Concrete
Rick Leeper	Retired (Federal Materials & Metro R/Mix)
Richard McPherson	Seretta Construction
Danny Rodgers	Dunn Investment Co.
Robert Sells	Tarmac
Tom Sheffield	Cemex
Bryan Smith	Euclid Chemical Co
Max Stephens	Stephens Mfg Co.
Bruce Strickland	Sika Corp.
Elizabeth Twohy	Capital Concrete
Bill Wagner	Lafarge
Keith Wayne	Wayne Brothers Inc.

CIM Program Thanks Euclid Chemical for Donation

The Euclid Chemical Company went above and beyond in 2006 by donating labor and materials to rehabilitate a concrete floor on campus for a new lab that Dr. Heather Brown was renovating.

Joe Sponcia, Knoxville, TN secured the materials necessary to rehab the 300 square foot floor—from an old concrete surface to a high durability, impact resistant aggregate epoxy floor.

In addition to Euclid's donation, was the invaluable assistance of Ron Shirley to help install the floor. Ron made several trips from Memphis, TN to help in the surface preparation and material installation and he was assisted by CIM student Erik Payne.

We can't thank Euclid enough. The pictures tell the story! The differences between "the before" and "the after" is amazing.

Thank you Euclid Chemical!



Concrete Floor Before



Concrete Floor After



May 2006 Graduates

Matthew Mahoney is originally from River Forest, IL, and is the son of Kevin and Diane Mahoney. His father, Kevin, works for *Master Builders, BASF*. At MTSU, Matthew received the Master Builders scholarship from fall 1999 through spring 2002. He interned with *Ozinga* in the summer of 2000, and with *Prairie Materials* in the summer of 2001. Matthew has accepted a sales position with *Master Builders, BASF* in Portland, OR.

Brian Martin is the son of Brian and Lena Martin of Jackson, TN. He interned with *Jay Construction* during the summer of 2003, *Hoover Ready Mix* in the summer of 2004, and *Irving Materials Inc.* during the summer of 2005. Brian is interested in taking a position in Project Management in the construction industry and Plant Management in the Ready Mix industry. He has accepted a job working for *Titan / Tarmac* in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Kyle Norwood is the son of Dwight Norwood and Nancy McFadden. While at MTSU, he participated in the Concrete Canoe Competition team and was a member of ACI. Kyle has interned with *Metro Ready Mix* since May of 2005 and has accepted a full time position.

Stephen Nutter is originally from Harrisonburg, VA and is the son of Steve and Stacy Nutter. He interned with *Vulcan Materials* from May 2005 to May 2006. While at MTSU, Stephen was a member of ACI and participated on the Concrete Canoe Competition Team. Upon graduation, Stephen will be working for *Master Builders, BASF* in Portland, OR.

Keith Overall calls Murfreesboro, TN home. He is the son of Charles and Jane Overall. Keith participated in the ACI student chapter and assisted with the Concrete Canoe. He has a brother, Kevin, who is also a graduate of the CIM program and is working in the industry. Upon graduation, Keith will be working for a local concrete contractor.

Mark Pirtle is originally from Rockvale, TN. He is the son of Keith Pirtle and Donna Pirtle. During the summer of 2005, Mark interned for *James B. Pirtle Construction Co.* He comes from a line of family members in the industry including his uncle and great uncle. Mark has accepted a position with *JBP Construction*, after graduation.

Jacob Pratt, originally from Jefferson County, TN is the son of Randy Pratt and Pennie Cable. Jake was the recipient of the *Cemex* scholarship. He interned with *Cemex* all four years while at MTSU. He was involved in ACI, Raider Republicans, Golden Key, and was a Sigma Nu. Jacob's father also works in the industry. He desires a position in sales, and will be working for *Cemex* after graduation.

Thomas Salisbury is the son of Tom and Ann Salisbury from Malvern, AR. During the summer of 2006, Thomas interned for *Capital Concrete*. He was very active in the student chapter of ACI, serving as the competitions chair for over a year. Thomas has accepted a position with *Frontier* out of Texas.

Fallon Shelton is the daughter of Lendon and Debbie Shelton of Caryville, TN. Fallon interned with *Tarmac* in Dayton during the summer of 2004 and in Ft. Lauderdale during the summer of 2005. She was the ACI treasurer in 2004 and the charity chairperson in 2003. Upon graduation, Fallon wishes to work in sales or as a management trainee. Fallon has accepted a position with *Hanson Pipe & Precast* in Florida.

Matthew Young, originally from Chattanooga, TN, is the son of Kip and Theresa Young. Matt interned for *Ready Mix USA* out of Georgia and *Rinker Materials* out of Florida. He was the president of Sigma Phi Epsilon in 2004 and 2005, and was the Vice-President in 2003. Matt has accepted a sales position with *Sika*.

August 2006 Graduates

James Arnold Upon graduation, "Tripp" is pursuing an MBA at MTSU and has been hired by the CIM program as a Graduate Research Assistant. He is the lab manager for the program and assists with community projects as well.

Brandon Bivens

Jennifer Chastain is the daughter of Criss and George Grant of Chattanooga, TN. She was the recipient of the CIM Enrichment Scholarship and was involved with the NSCS. Jennifer interned for *Cemex* during the summer of 2005, *RMC-Mid-Atlantic* during the summer of 2004, and for the *CIM Helton Cook Endowment*. Upon graduation, Jennifer will be taking a position with *Titan Virginia Ready Mix* in Virginia Beach, VA.

Michael Elliot is originally from Hohenwald, TN and is the son of Thomas and Barbara Elliot. He was the recipient of the *Lehigh* scholarship and was active with the ACI student chapter. Upon graduation, Michael would like a position in sales or operations.

Justin Farmer is working with AMEC Inc. in Nashville, TN.

Herman Holyfield is working in Memphis, TN for a real estate company.

Robert Shay Lewis

Justin Kyle Lowry is working in Atlanta, GA. for *Master Builders, BASF*.

Mark McCommon is the son of Alec and Judy McCommon from Collierville, TN. He interned with *IMI* from 2005-2006, *Ray Bell Construction* during the summer of 2005, and *Wright Construction* from 2002-2004. Mark would like a job in Project Management or sales.

David Pledge is the son of Lincoln Pledge and Rick and Donna Libby. He interned with *Finfrock* in Florida during the summer of 2006. Upon graduation, David desires a position in Project Management.

Matthew Ragan is working for Mid South Testing lab in Murfreesboro, TN.

Eric Thompson is the son of Christopher Thompson and Debbie Thompson. He is originally from Gainesville, GA. Eric was the recipient of the *Georgia Concrete Products Association* and *NSF-CSEM* Scholarships. He interned for *Metromont Prestress and Precast* from February 2006 to August 2006, *Metro Ready Mix Concrete* from May 2004-August 2005, and *Thomas Concrete* during the summer of 2003. Upon graduation, Eric will be working in sales for *Master Builders, BASF*.

December 2006 Graduates

Jacob Birkofer is the son of Doug and Jerri Birkofer of Murfreesboro, TN and married to Laura (Holmberg) Birkofer. He was a scholarship recipient of the Elton Cook Endowment, NSF CSEM Scholarship and Academic Service Scholarship. He interned with Dr. Brown in the CIM laboratory during summer 2005 and with BASF admixtures as a lab technician in summer 2006. Jacob will be working with Turner Universal upon graduation.

Blake Bowman is the son of Beachum and Marilyn Bowman of Murfreesboro, TN. He interned with CEMEX in the summer of 2005. He desires a position in quality control, sales or operations upon graduation.

Jason Cathey is the son of Susan and Eddy Cathey of Burns, TN. Jason interned with, and is currently working for *Floorline South*. He plans on staying with the company in a management position.

Erin Christie is originally from Sevierville, TN and is the daughter of K. Wayne and Charlotte Williams. She interned for *Metro Ready Mix* from spring 2006 to December 2006. Upon graduation, Erin desires a position in management.

Matthew Dillard, originally from Murfreesboro, TN, is the son of Michael and Cheryl Dillard. He interned for *S & ME* during the summer of 2006. Matthew desires a position in management or sales.

Nicholas Edwards is the son of Jeff and Melanie Edwards of Chattanooga, TN. He interned with Rinker Materials in Summer 2005 and 2006. He also started his own flatwork company with Will Phelps called Moontime Concrete. He has accepted a job with Rinker Materials in Knoxville.

Abbie Feliciano is the daughter of Paul and Karen Feliciano of Knoxville, TN. She has interned with Masonry Institute of TN since February 2006. She is a part of the MTSU Band of Blue Majorette Line and volunteers with Boys and Girls Club of Rutherford Co.

Katherine Franks has accepted a position in Reno, NV with American Ready Mix.

Joel Harvey is the son of Jesse and Elizabeth Harvey of Murfreesboro, TN. He interned with Chandler Concrete Co. in North Carolina and is taking a full time position in Quality Control with them upon graduation.

Matt Honeycutt is the son of Ken and Teresa Honeycutt of Murfreesboro, TN. Matt has interned with Vulcan Materials and Southland Brick and Block. He is currently seeking employment.

Blair Keeling Blair Keeling is the son on Danny Keeling and Carol Schmidt of Columbia, TN. He was active in the concrete canoe and Habitat for Humanity. He has accepted a position with Columbia Precast LLC upon graduation.

Daniel Kinser is the son of Vance and Sue Kinser of Maryville, TN. He was the recipient of the NSF CSEM scholarship. Daniel interned for *Rinker Materials* during the summers of 2005 and 2006. Daniel has accepted a position with Lafarge North America.

Randy McKeever

Jordan McNabb is the son of Dewayne and Glenda McNabb, originally from Lenoir City, TN. He interned with Titan America in Ft. Lauderdale, FL during the summer of 2006. Jordan has accepted a position with Lafarge North America.

Zachary Mestancik, originally from Cincinnati, OH, Zac is the son of Edward and Sandra Mestancik. His father is also in the industry, and works for *Lafarge*. During his freshman year, Zac was the recipient of the *KRMCA* scholarship. He interned with *Hilltop Basic Resources* during the summer of 2002, *Spurlino Materials* during the summer of 2003, and *Ernst Enterprises* during the summer of 2004. Upon graduation, Zac will begin working with *Ernst Enterprises*.

Paul Ozinga is the son of Marty and Ruth Ozinga from Homer Glen, IL. He was the recipient of the INRMCA scholarship. Paul interned with Ozinga Brothers in the summer of 2005. While in the CIM Program, Paul was the Social Chair for the ACI Student Chapter. He comes from an entire family of industry professionals and has accepted a position with Ozinga Brothers upon graduation.

Michael Rendon is the son of Chris Rendon, and is originally from Waukesha, WI. He has interned for *Turner Universal Construction* since 2002, and has accepted a full time position with them upon graduation.

David Rowland, originally from Murfreesboro, TN, is the son of Brent and Patricia Rowland. He interned with *Vulcan Materials* during the summer of 2003. Upon graduation, David would like a position in Project management.

John Matthew Trotter has interned with W.R. Grace Inc. and he has accepted a position with *Master Builders, BASF* upon graduation.

Company Sponsored Socials in 2006

We thank the following companies for visiting CIM and the MTSU campus to either host a student social, attend our career fair or to conduct student interviews.

Our graduates would not be successful without your continued support and yearly involvement.

Finfrock	Trinity Materials
Alby Materials	Mashmeyer Concrete
Sika Corporation	Woodland Construction
Chandler Concrete	Hanson Pipe & Precast
Cheney Enterprises	Ready Mix USA
Glacier Northwest	Parhey Group
Ahal Contracting	Turner Construction
Mid-State Concrete	W.R. Grace
Structural Group	Command Alkon
Lafarge	Gray Construction
Sequatchie Concrete	Oldcastle
Master Builders (BASF)	Tindall
Titan America	Wayne Bros. Contracting
Cemex	Foundation Contractors Inc.

Patrons President Update

I trust you all are well and business is booming. The past several months have been an exciting and positive time for the Concrete Industry Management Program at MTSU.

Dr. Heather Brown stepped into Austin Cheney's former role and we have not missed a beat. Our CIM Auction at the World of Concrete, last year, was an astounding success much to the thanks of past Patrons President, Chris Davenport. Also, our Building Fund-Golf Tournament was well attended and supported. Your participation is very much appreciated.

There are many great things coming in the near future for the CIM Patrons. First of all, the success stories of the graduates continues to grow. In October, the Executive Advisory Council (EAC) was formed with industry leaders throughout the southeastern part of the United States. The EAC will help the CIM Program at MTSU push forward into the future. We are moving ahead in the process of becoming our own Department and, taking the necessary steps to have the CIM Building at MTSU started in the near future. Last, we are seeing more and more program alumni coming back into the picture, wanting to be involved and help CIM grow each day.

As always, I say **Thank You** to all in the industry who have supported in the past us, in the present and will support us in the future. Without each of you, the past ten years and all the success stories would not have been possible.

Cordially,
Alan Brown
CIM Patrons President

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- Curriculum descriptions and scholarship information are available at the CIM Program website:
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