



WINTER 2020

## Groundbreaking: Don Beach Atrium



Left: October 4, 2019, Construction Management Student Association members Cam Landry, Chandler Neal, Adam Coco, Ashton Corcoran, Josh Tellifero, Zach Attaway, and Nick Scioneaux (L-R) break ground for the new Don Beach Atrium.

Below, L-R: Susan Chappell, Morgan Leigh Patrick, Ed Brayton, Nick Bruno, Fran Beach, John Hunter, Steve Traxler, and Ron Berry participate in the groundbreaking,



Left: Jane Brown, Nick Bruno, Fran Beach, Ken Brown

Lower left: John Hunter, Ed Brayton

Lower right: Steve Traxler, Fran Beach

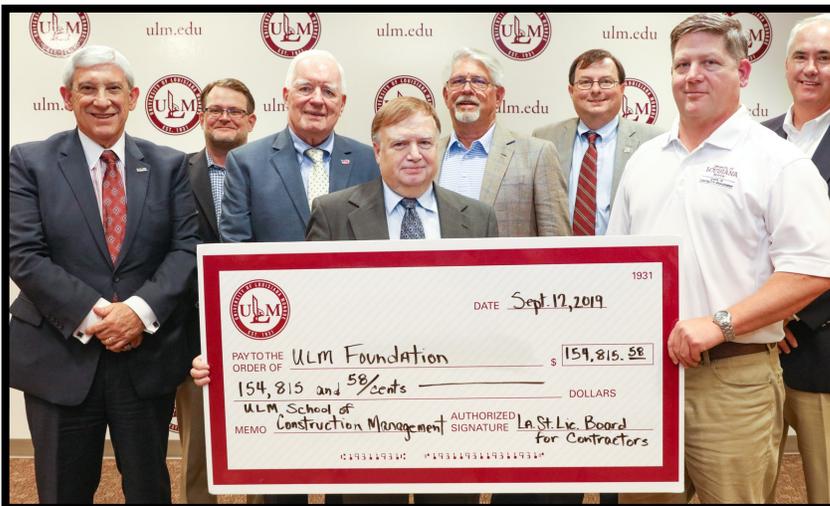


And the progress continues....



**ULM Construction Management Scholarships  
Fall 2019-Spring 2020**

ULM Foundation Scholarships	Names
A.C. Breckenridge Memorial	Douglas Buffington
Don A. Baxter Endowment	Joseph Hammersla
Bill Gilbert Endowment	Gavin Grimes
John E. Baugh Endowment	William Davis
J. Hilton Heard Endowment	Nathan Knapp
Hollis Graham Endowment	Christian Charrier
David Geissler Memorial	Chandler Neal
John Ball Scholarship	Michaela Hutson
Cecil K. Carter, Jr. Scholarship	Taj Smith
Matt Hattaway Endowed Scholarship	Louis Adam Coco
Kathleen & Bill Eason Endowed Memorial	Ethan Ginn
Home Builders Association of NOLA	Bryan Lemus, Joshua Blake
Annie Lowe Stiles Scholarship	Ariana Martinez Castillo
Annie Lowe Stiles Scholarship	Hien Ngo
Annie Lowe Stiles Scholarship	Eric Bishop
Annie Lowe Stiles Scholarship	Bryce Carroll
Annie Lowe Stiles Scholarship	Sidney Jones
Annie Lowe Stiles Scholarship	Kaitlyn Foster
Annie Lowe Stiles Scholarship	Tianna Robinson
Annie Lowe Stiles Scholarship	Jacob Staples
Annie Lowe Stiles Scholarship	Joshua Tellifero
Annie Lowe Stiles Scholarship	Derek Sanders
Audie and H.M. (Red) Mayes Endowed Scholarship	Hunter Simons
<b>NON-FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	
Ouachita Joint Utility Council	Joshua Tellifero
<b>AGC SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	
Thurman Potts	Joshua Tellifero
Fred C. Culpepper	Aubin Hebert, Luke Griffith
Ranie Terral	Amber Smith



**Spring 2019 Associate Constructors**



**Andrew Beene**

**Congratulations**  
to these 2019 ULM  
Construction Management  
graduates who passed all  
the requirements to be  
professionally certified as  
AIC Associate Constructors.



**Casey Vaughn**



**Austin Beck**



**Skyler Whitmore**



**Jesse Honeycutt**



**Zach Beene**



**Trace Houston**

The University of Louisiana Monroe School of Construction Management recently received a contribution from the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors for \$154,815.58. Pictured from left are ULM President Dr. Nick J. Bruno; Allen Otts of the ULM Foundation; Vic Weston of the licensing board; Dr. Ed Brayton, director of the ULM School of Construction Management; Garland Meredith of the licensing board; Dr. Ron Berry, dean of the College of Business and Social Sciences; Trent Livingston, president of the ULM SOCM Industry Advisory Council; and Michael McDuff of the licensing board. Emerald McIntyre/ULM Photo Services

# What Should a New Construction Management Student Expect?

## Senior Josh Telligero Speaks Out

Josh Telligero, president of the construction honor society, Sigma Lambda Chi, has some words of thanks, words of experience, and words of advice to offer those that will follow him in the Construction Management program at ULM. After nearly four years in the program, getting to know faculty, alumni, and fellow students while honing his skills and building a portfolio of knowledge and experience, Josh is ready to jump into a rewarding career.

By the fall of 2019, Josh already had five excellent job offers. Why? Josh gives the credit to an up-to-date program of studies taught by caring faculty with real-world experience and backed up by a variety of summer internships. He found that his background in coursework prepared him for all the various projects he faced in three totally different internships. But just as important were the relationships among faculty, students, and alumni, all of whom really cared about him and his future career.



One piece of advice Josh would give incoming freshmen is to take advantage of those relationships. “Faculty and alumni are invested in the students,” he says. The Industry Advisory Council in particular “does a great job of partnering with the University,” making sure students are provided the tools they need to succeed in their careers. Faculty share their expertise and experience, while students form a close-knit group, supporting one another in their projects.

Josh especially urges new students to become active in student organizations such as the Construction Management Student Association. Leadership and teamwork skills built in this group especially will be invaluable in the future, he says.

The other piece of advice that Josh offers is to apply for and work diligently in a variety of internships. Josh began in high school, working for a Construction Management alumnus, who encouraged him in his pursuits. Then, after his freshman year of college, Josh accepted an internship in Rogers, Arkansas—not only did he receive a salary and get hands-on experience, but his housing was provided. He worked long hours, but he felt gratified to see a project to completion. “When I woke up, I knew there was a job to be done—it was important work, and if I didn’t do it, it wouldn’t get done.” Each summer thereafter, Josh worked in a different internship, learning new skills and making new connections.

ULM’s Construction Management program is one-of-a-kind, according to Josh. “I think it’s special—it sets you apart,” he says. “When you get out in the field, you realize that no one else has the preparation you’ve gotten.”

### Words of wisdom from program graduates:

- Do an internship every summer.
- Stay on top of homework and you’ll learn the skills you need.
- Be involved! Join the Association! Make friends!
- Do not take anything for granted. Do everything to the best of your abilities.
- Be yourself during job interviews—have a good attitude and work ethic.
- From ULM grads/employers: ULM students come into the job with passion, knowledge, and drive!

### ULM Chapter, Sigma Lambda Chi, Fall 2019





Greetings, NLU/ULM  
Construction Management  
Alumni and Friends:

**What makes ULM’s CM program Unique?**

Our customary practice in ULM’s Construction Management program is to hold an exit interview with each graduating senior. Recently, in one of those

interviews, the graduate informed me of a job interview he’d had with a contractor, who required him and three other students from other universities to complete several problems based on a set of plans and specifications.

I’m proud to say our ULM student was able to complete the task in about 15 minutes, while the other graduating students did not even know how to start the task.

The above story is just one of many we hear in our program. We also receive numerous communications from contractors indicating they are impressed with our students’ “ability to perform the job on the first day.” My goal has always been to adapt the CM curriculum to meet the construction industry’s needs, and we will continue to provide our students with that hands-on education.

We have lots of help. With the assistance of the opt-out licensing board funds and the Contractors Education Trust Fund, we’ve been able to renovate classrooms, upgrade from chalkboards to smartboards, install 40 new high-speed computers to handle 3-D plans, and purchase digital surveying equipment along with new soils- and materials-testing equipment. Proposing the use of licensing board funds is part of my role as Director; the Industry Advisory Council (IAC) approves the funds’ expenditures.

In addition, the IAC has approved funds for our marketing campaign and recruiting efforts. These have allowed us to increase enrollment by 175% to 183 students over four years.

The IAC has also been instrumental in providing the additional funds necessary to break ground for the Don Beach Atrium project. This project, which will be completed in April 2020, brings to fruition Don Beach’s vision of providing an appealing, welcoming entrance to the School of Construction Management.

This Atrium will include a visual display wall of the eighteen endowed scholarships with each recipient’s name and year\*. The Associated General Contractors, which established most of these scholarships, will also be recognized.

**How can you alumni and industry leaders become a part of the CM program at ULM?**

Each of you can be a part of this effort. Here are some of the ways:

- ◆ Your company can come to campus to make a presentation and interview our students for permanent jobs and internships.
- ◆ Your company can sponsor a cookout for the students.
- ◆ You can donate from \$250 to \$8,500 to have your name displayed on the Thurman Potts exterior wall.

There are also other display and naming opportunities for your companies:

- ◆ You can reserve a space for your company logo in the Don Beach Atrium above the Endowed Scholarship wall.
- ◆ You can claim naming rights to a classroom, student lounge, quiet room, or the auditorium.
- ◆ You can earn naming rights to a proposed 2-story high bay structure for our hands-on laboratories.

*If you would like to reconnect with the SoCM Alumni Association, please email [brayton@ulm.edu](mailto:brayton@ulm.edu).*

Congratulations to *Cajun Industries*, which has become the first donor to the Construction Management Capital Campaign. Cajun has selected the naming opportunity for room 123 and will be installing pictures there focusing on industrial construction.

*If you are interested in any of these opportunities, go to the ULM School of Construction Management website ([ulm.edu/cbss/construction/](http://ulm.edu/cbss/construction/)) and click on “Sponsorships & Naming Opportunities” to review the options available.*

Sincerely,

Ed Brayton, Director, ULM SoCM

\* We have had a difficult time finding the recipients’ names and years for the Thurman Potts, Fred Culpepper, and Ranie Terrill Endowed Scholarships. If you received one of these scholarships and want to ensure that your name is listed on the display wall under that scholarship, please contact us at 318-342-1860 or email Dr. Brayton at [brayton@ulm.edu](mailto:brayton@ulm.edu).



University of  
**LOUISIANA**  
Monroe