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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Northern Arizona University sits at the base of the San Francisco Peaks, on homelands sacred to Native Americans throughout the region. We honor their past, present, and future generations, who have lived here for millennia and will forever call this place home.

GREETINGS



We're excited to begin a new chapter as part of the newly-established **Steve Sanghi College of Engineering**. The 2024-25 academic year marked a major milestone for our Construction Management (CM) program, with a record **345 students enrolled**, reflecting our growing reputation and success. We proudly graduated 53 students, with **92% completing internships** and over **95% securing employment**. Notably, nearly 80% have chosen to start their careers in Arizona, underscoring our strong industry and community ties. This success is thanks to our invaluable industry partners. This past year, we hosted **30 industry seminars, 13 site visits, and 70+ guest lectures**, delivering an immersive, hands-on learning experience.

Our Generation Next sponsorship program continues to thrive, welcoming **19 new sponsors**. Thanks to your generous support through sponsorships, events, and NAU Giving Day, we raised **\$690,000, bringing our endowment close to \$1 million**—a lasting investment in faculty excellence and meaningful opportunities for students.

Looking ahead to 2025-26, we'll expand our faculty and renovate our **Construct for Practice lab**, thanks to generous support from **CORE Construction, Wespac, Hensel Phelps, JE Dunn, Holder, Cannon & Wendt, and PCL**, who are donating time and materials. We also welcome **Chad Buck** (Building Group President, Sundt Construction) as Industry Advisory Board Chair, and **Bill Headley** (Senior Vice President, Holder Construction) as Vice Chair. The IAB continues to lead efforts in recruiting, curriculum development, and program sustainability.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we're shaping one of the nation's leading CM programs, and we look forward to building an even brighter future with you.

John Tingerthal

Associate Chair and Professor
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INDUSTRY ADVISORY BOARD

The board remains highly engaged and supportive of the program's continued growth and success, encouraged by steady enrollment increases and exceptional faculty and staff who prepare students to thrive in the evolving construction industry.

During the spring meeting, the Board had great discussions about anticipating and responding to industry needs and emerging workforce requirements. The Curriculum Committee's discussion centered around aligning educational delivery with real-world expectations, the Finance Committee focused on near- and long-term planning for the Construction for Practice (C4P) Lab, and the Outreach Committee examined strategies to boost student retention and meaningfully engage the program's passionate alumni and supporters.

Lastly, the Board honored Matt Lyons for his service and leadership over the last four years, including as Vice Chair and Chair. The Board also welcomed Bill Headley as the incoming Vice Chair. We're grateful for the opportunity to partner with the CM program and support its ongoing growth, innovation, and impact on the construction workforce.

Regards,
Chad Buck, IAB Chair

IAB MEMBERS

Leadership:

Chad Buck, Sundt (Chair)
Bill Headley, Holder (Vice Chair)

At-Large members:

Greg Ayers, NOX Group
Brad Gabel, Kitchell (retired)
Rob Presuhn, ISX-Inc.
Justin Newman, Haydon (retired)

Association Members:

Kim Davids, AZ Builders Alliance Construction
Dawn Rogers, AZ Masonry Council
Mike Tulloss, NABA

Appointed members:

DJ Anderson, Willmeng Construction
Dominic Caminiti, UMEC
Clay Creaser, JE Dunn
James Faria, CORE Construction
Kelly Gore, Hensel Phelps
Eli Grieff, Holder Construction
Aron Kirch, Kitchell Contractors, Inc.
Matt Lyons, McCarthy
Tyler Mark, Wespac Construction
James Merrigan, Granite
Ricardo Naranjo, Henkels & McCoy
Shaun Segle, CEMEX
Nico Swart, PCL Construction
Mike Thomas, KCS

Purpose:

The Advisory Board provides advice, guidance and support for the development of a high-quality Construction Management Program at NAU. The Board advises faculty and staff and promotes the Construction Management Program at NAU. Standing Committees include the Finance Committee, Curriculum Committee, and the Outreach & Research Committee.

GENERATION NEXT

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CONSTRUCT FOR PRACTICE LAB SPONSORS

Thank you, Felix Construction Company, Sun Valley Builders, The Whiting Turner Contracting Co., Wilson Electric, CORE Construction, Willmeng Construction, and McCarthy Construction for directly supporting the C4P+ Lab with your generous donations!

TOP FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS

We extend our gratitude to the following companies for their substantial contributions beyond their Generation Next Sponsorships: Sundt Construction, Willmeng Construction, West Coast Partitions, McCarthy Building Company, and CORE Construction. Their dedication and generosity have made a profound impact on our program, enriching the educational experiences of our students and reinforcing our commitment to excellence in construction education.

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTORS

The following companies have made contributions to the CM program, providing essential support to students: Arizona Masonry Council, Bel-Aire Mechanical, Block-Lite, Copper State Bolt & Nut, KE&G Construction, Kinney Construction Services, LGE Design Build, Loven Contracting, Professional Piping Systems, Prescor Builders, and Sunland Asphalt & Construction.

NAU GIVING DAY

NAU Giving Day on May 1, 2025 was a tremendous success for the Construction Management program. Thanks to the generosity of our community, **\$14,670** was raised to support the program's special projects and faculty endowment. Our NAU Giving Day Champions—leaders in the Lumberjack community—were the driving force behind this amazing achievement. Their passion and outreach helped rally friends, family, and alumni to create lasting opportunities for our students.



FACULTY & STAFF HONORS

Distinguished Staff of the Year: Cami Iacona

Cami Iacona has been instrumental in elevating our program, including streamlining processes, expanding sponsorships, event planning, and more. Cami's work behind the scenes is vital to the program's success.



Professor of the Year (awarded by student body): Andrew Iacona

Each year, the graduating students nominate and honor one faculty member with the distinguished title of Professor of the Year. This year, the students selected Professor Iacona in recognition of his unwavering dedication, genuine support, and exceptional approachability.

Distinguished Mentorship Award: Kai Kaoni

Kai Kaoni is the very definition of a mentor, guiding countless students toward personal and professional growth. His ability to connect with students and invest in their long-term success has made him a cornerstone of the program.



Promotion to Full Professor of Practice: Lou Cirelli

Professor Cirelli has been promoted to Full Professor of Practice in recognition of his extensive professional experience and notable accomplishments. Dr. Cirelli brings his real-world insights into the classroom each day, greatly enriching the learning experience for both the students and the program as a whole.

FINANCIALS

	FY25 Budget	FY25 Projected	FY26 Budget
Income			
Fundraising	\$ 352,001	\$ 376,145	\$ 438,400
Events	\$ 316,000	\$ 285,973	\$ 284,300
Endowment Disbursement	\$ 34,492	\$ 29,651	\$ 40,785
Income Total	\$ 702,493	\$ 691,769	\$ 763,485
Expense			
Events	\$ 132,600	\$ 155,153	\$ 167,700
Student Support	\$ 69,152	\$ 55,065	\$ 89,500
Lab	\$ 24,000	\$ 44,652	\$ 20,525
Recruiting	\$ 5,000	\$ 20,127	\$ 7,000
Faculty Support	\$ 90,000	\$ 84,435	\$ 138,000
Business Management	\$ 82,462	\$ 76,310	\$ 89,502
Capital Improvements	\$ 20,500	\$ 33,693	\$ 110,000
Industry Advisory Board	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,113	\$ 4,000
Administration	\$ 8,000	\$ 13,548	\$ 13,500
Foundation Fees	\$ 27,000	\$ 32,859	\$ 35,910
Expense Total	\$ 460,714	\$ 519,955	\$ 675,637
Net Income		\$ 171,814	\$ 87,848
Clair Hill Student Endowment			
Investment		\$ 64,675	\$ 55,800
Balance		\$ 285,123	\$ 340,923
Friends of Faculty Endowment			
Investment		\$ 201,160	\$ 50,800
Balance		\$ 713,087	\$ 763,887
Operating Account			
Balance		\$ 164,516	\$ 145,764

GRADUATES

FALL 2024 GRADUATES



Abel Calderon, Bennett Evans, Nathan Goligoski, Christopher Grace, Clay Gross, Zachary Hanchett, Tatum Hurley, Justin Jensen, Alexander Karantinos, Brennan Lopez, Joshua Pereira, Zachary Rabehl, Aiden Rooney

Academic Achievement Award: Justin Jensen

Exceptional Academic Performance: Alex Karantinos

Scott McFarland Award: Chris Grace

SPRING 2025 GRADUATES

Ryan Atkins, Ariel Barber, Cody Basso, Derek Begay, Mianna Behrens, Oscar Delgado Aragon, Luis Diaz, Tanner Dimond, Ryan Emerson, Natali Farkouh, Thomas Faulkner, Jaxen Gomez, Jonah Graham, Shane Gronlund, Kyle Haider, Drew Healy, Erickson Hiller, Alejandro Islas, Timothy Jacinto, Tyler Jensen, Maggie Kuhn, Madison Lackey, Conner Long, Adam Maass, Kendall Marquez, Ty McDermott, Maxwell McGrath, Lorenzo Mejia, Ryan Montanez, Colin Morris, Hunter Nelson, Niklaus Osika, Paul Otradovec, Carlee Peterson, Katherine Radavich, Ryan Ross, Dustin Rudar, Colton Taylor, Landen Waymire, Noah Wickey, Talon “Rickey” Williams, Samuel Wong Mungarro

Academic Achievement Award: Ty McDermott

Distinguished Senior Award: Lorenzo Mejia

Gold Axe Award: Jonah Graham

Scott McFarland Award: Nick Osika



STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS



Student involvement within the program continues to thrive, with strong participation across several student-led organizations. These groups have become integral to the program's success—supporting events, hosting seminars, and fostering a strong sense of community that lasts well beyond graduation.

The **Construction Management Organization (CMO)** remains a central hub for student engagement, while newer groups are beginning to carve out their own unique identities.

NAUWIC (Northern Arizona University Women in Construction) has grown into an independent and dynamic organization. They are building a powerful network of industry connections and creating new pathways for students entering the field. This year they hosted their annual Evening with Professionals for a banquet dinner and their inaugural WIC Week.

Other organizations like **LCI (Lean Construction Institute)** and **DBIA (Design-Build Institute of America)** continue to enrich the student experience. These groups provide valuable educational content and professional development, helping students stay connected with the evolving construction industry. **LCI hosted their annual Habitat for Humanity volunteer building day in Phoenix to help support a family in need.**

The continued growth and diversification of these organizations reflect both the strength of our program and the dedication of its students. With their passion and leadership, the future of the field is in good hands.

ASC COMPETITION



NATIONAL RECOGNITION AT THE ASC COMPETITION

We are proud to share that NAU Construction Management students achieved national recognition at the **2025 Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) Competition**—one of the most prestigious student competitions in the country. Competing against **241 teams from 57 universities**, our students delivered outstanding results:

- **Design-Build Team** – 2nd Place
- **Commercial Team** – 3rd Place



These honors are a testament to our students' **dedication, teamwork, and technical skill**, and we couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments.

Special recognition also goes to our **Mixed Use** and **Heavy Civil** teams, who demonstrated tremendous effort and professionalism throughout the competition.



Real-world experience is a cornerstone of the Construction Management program, and opportunities like the ASC competition are made possible thanks to the support of our sponsors and industry partners.

JOB SITE TOURS

Hands-on learning is at the heart of the Construction Management program, and in 2025, students had the opportunity to participate in a wide range of jobsite and facility tours—offering valuable insight into modern construction practices, technology, and sustainability.

These tours provided firsthand exposure to active project sites, manufacturing facilities, and innovative design practices:

- Marshall Elementary School with **CORE Construction**
- Northern Arizona Healthcare Outpatient Surgery Center with **McCarthy Construction**
- TPAC Precast Concrete Factory with **PCI Foundation**
- Joy Cone Factory with **KCS**
- Atmosphere Commercial Interiors (Steelcase)
- The Beam on Farmer with **Mortenson Construction**
- **Block-Lite** Manufacturing Tour

A special emphasis was placed on sustainable design and construction, with tours of cutting-edge projects such as:

- Mountain Line Downtown Connection Center with **Loven Contracting**
- **Northern Arizona University** facilities:
 - Marketing LEED Gold Building
 - NAU San Francisco Parking Garage Solar Array
 - NAU South Beaver School – Civil Infrastructure
 - NAU Central Plant
 - NAU North Steam Plant

These immersive experiences are more than just job site tours—they are essential learning opportunities that connect students with current industry practices, reinforce classroom knowledge, and build career readiness. We are grateful to our partners for opening their doors and helping shape the next generation of construction professionals.



TOURNAMENTS

We hosted two successful fundraising events this year, raising **\$165,500** to support student success, faculty development, and innovation.

Our annual **Fall Golf Tournament** brought together alumni, industry partners, and community supporters for a great day on the green, all in support of our students. The event raised **\$92,500**, benefiting the **Clair Hill Student Endowment**.

Tournament winners:

- *1st Place:* Willmeng (Team 2)
- *2nd Place:* West Coast Partitions
- *3rd Place:* VENN Construction

Individual Awards:

- Longest Drive, Men: Ethan Seppala, student
- Longest Drive, Women: Maggie Helman, NAU alumna, GH Phipps
- Closest to the Pin, Men: Jimmy Curran, Kitchell
- Closest to the Pin, Women: Maggie Helman, NAU alumna, GH Phipps

The **Spring Sporting Clays Tournament**, held at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility, generated **\$73,000** in support of the **Friends of Faculty Endowment**.

Coyote Course winners:

- *1st Place:* LGE Design
- *2nd Place:* The Weitz Company
- *3rd Place:* Sundt/PCL Team 2

Roadrunner Course winners:

- *1st Place:* Willmeng Construction
- *2nd Place:* UMEC
- *3rd Place:* Wilson Electric



UPCOMING EVENTS & A LOOK AHEAD

August

- 25: Fall semester begins

September

- 6: Home Football Game
- 12: IAB Meeting (Phoenix)
- 20: Home Football Game

October

- 3: CM Fall Career Fair
- 4: Home Football Game
- 17: Golf Tournament
- 21: Home Football Game

November

- 7-8: Homecoming Weekend
- 15: Home Football Game

December

- 5: Fall Banquet
- 12: Commencement

January

- 12: Spring semester begins

February

- 3-7: Reno Competition
- 20: CM Spring Career Fair

March

- 9-13: NAU Spring Break
- 20: Sporting Clays Tournament

April

- 10: IAB Meeting (Flagstaff)

May

- 1: Demo Ball
- 8-9: Commencement

[View NAU holidays & closures](#)

Exciting developments are on the horizon as we continue to enhance our academic environment and support student success. The **Construct for Practice lab** renovation is currently underway (see photo below). The design will provide students with an upgraded, hands-on learning experience that aligns with the latest industry standards.

Our program continues to grow, and we are pleased to announce plans to welcome a **new faculty member** in the coming year to support expanding course offerings and student needs.

Professor **Rob Bruner** will be on professional development leave during the upcoming fall semester, pursuing opportunities that will further enrich his teaching and knowledge upon his return.

Professor **Agnes Drogi** will take on an expanded leadership role within the program. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, she will serve as the faculty advisor for student organizations and act as the program's Industry Outreach Coordinator—strengthening connections between our students and the professional community.

