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Construction Management squads setting standard

Sacramento State’s Construction Management Department has added more wins to its many regional and national awards, dominating the Associated Schools of Construction competition in Sparks, Nev., Feb. 6-9.

Sac State posted six team victories and won several individual awards. The University had the most wins and the highest success ratio among colleges competing with multiple teams. All told, the Construction Management squads have captured 16 regional and 14 national awards in their last eight competitions.

Department Chair and Professor Mikael Anderson sums it up: “I’m very proud and honored to be a part of the growth and success of our students.”

Professor Keith Bisharat agrees, commending the “founding competition supporters, the infrastructure developed by the Sacramento Construction Management Education Foundation (SCMEF) to support the department, SCMEF President Henry Meier’s leadership and outstanding organization skills, the commitment of the industry and faculty coaches, and the many remarkable young people who took part in this tough competition that has once again brought great distinction to Sacramento State.”

Says Henry Meier, a Sacramento State alumna from the Construction Management department: “It is a well-known fact that Sac State’s success in this competition can be attributed to the support from SCMEF, our stellar industry coaches who (because of the number of coaches) share a variety of functional approaches with the students, the tremendous industry support we are very fortunate to have, outstanding faculty, our strong industry-University partnership, and our talented students.”

Emir Jose Macari, dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science, is no less proud. “These CM students continue to amaze us all. They have proven, over and over again, that Sacramento State produces some of the best construction managers in the country. The support they receive from our faculty, staff, and especially from our industry partners is second to none.”

Macari, Anderson and Meier have cause to celebrate. Forty-two schools vied for national laurels, including squads from Purdue, UC Berkeley, Stanford, Cal Poly-San
Luis Obispo, the University of Southern California, Texas A&M and the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Sac State’s strong showing is all the more impressive in light of the fact that most of his team members, Meier says, are taking full class loads and working – some with families – and participating fully in student organizations. He’s particularly pleased that Sac State was represented by a “sea of green” in Friday’s presentations and at the awards ceremony Saturday. “It was an amazing atmosphere and incredible experience,” he says.

For more information about the University’s Department of Construction Management: http://bit.ly/Ufvfqb. For media assistance, contact Sacramento State’s Public Affairs office at (916) 278-6156.

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