Construction Management Department earns reaccreditation

Sacramento State’s highly successful Construction Management Department recently was reaccredited by the Texas-based American Council for Construction Education.

In a congratulatory letter to Department Chair Mikael Anderson, ACCE’s executive vice president, Michael M. Holland, wrote: “We are excited about the future of this program and look forward to continuing our joint support of construction education and the work that your faculty and graduates contribute to the construction industry.”

Last fall, Sac State’s 40-year-old program, among the oldest in California, became an independent academic department within the College of Engineering and Computer Science. It has met the ACCE’s stringent standards for accreditation since 1989; before that, its approval came from the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET).

Sac State’s Construction Management graduates have gone on to work in the industry as estimators, pre-construction directors, project managers, general managers and project control specialists. Students who earn a bachelor of science degree almost always land a high-paying job right out of school.

Graduates have had a hand in such high-profile projects as the new San Francisco 49ers stadium under construction in Santa Clara, Terminal B at Sacramento International Airport and Sutter Health’s Anderson Lucchetti Women’s and Children’s Center in midtown Sacramento. CM alums also were instrumental in the construction of 14 of the last 15 projects on the Sac State campus, including The WELL, Hornet Bookstore, Broad Fieldhouse and two parking structures.

Construction Management students consistently win or place near the top in regional and national competitions. Last February, for instance, they dominated the Associated Schools of Construction event in Sparks, Nev.

Sacramento Construction Management Foundation, a nonprofit advisory board made up of industry leaders, raises money to pay for the students’ travel expenses to competitions and to provide scholarships.
In thanking members of the foundation, Anderson said: “Many of you have been with us for over 10 years and have supported us financially and through mentoring. Together, we have accomplished great things for the CM Department.

“I also want thank the faculty for working with me to perform comprehensive curriculum changes and develop our assessment plans in further detail. And I want to thank President Alexander Gonzalez, (Engineering and Computer Science) Dean Emir Macari and interim Provost Charles Gossett for unconditionally supporting the CM department throughout the years.”

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