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NEBRASKA BUILDING CHAPTER

THE CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION

2020-2021 Scholarship Recipients

VELERIANNA DALORES GARCIA – University of Nebraska – Kearney

Velerianna is from Ravenna and a member of the AGC Student Chapter. Her strong background in customer service and leadership has transitioned well into her current internship where she is working under both a Project Manager and Project Superintendent.

What led you to seek a Construction Career?

Having a fascination with the process since childhood, construction is something that just ‘makes sense,’ to Velerianna. It forces her to step outside of her comfort zone and provides daily challenges which fires her passion. Previous work experiences including scheduling, leading teams and organizing, prepared her well for her current role with a commercial construction company.

SHAUN RICHARDSON – University of Nebraska – Lincoln

Shaun is from Crete, Nebraska and attended SCC - Milford prior to attending UNL. His passion for construction began at an early age, watching and learning from his father and taking on a few solo projects while in high school. In addition to the AGC Student Chapter, he volunteers in the community, including Nebraska Game and Parks and Habitat for Humanity and works part-time for a general contractor.

What led you to seek a Construction Career?

Learning from my father and watching construction around me, I knew I wanted a career in construction; just not sure what area. A summer laborer position to earn extra money led to my love of the process. A career as a project manager with a commercial contractor is my goal following graduation.

ETHAN COPES – University of Nebraska – Lincoln

Ethan is from Lincoln and a second semester junior in Construction Management. As treasurer of the UNL AGC Student Chapter, he says it's been a 'busy and awesome,' experience, a great way to meet new people and give back via community service projects.

What led you to seek a Construction Career?

Our family owns residential rentals. As dad was fixing them up, he took me along to help. As I started to do more, the passion of renovating and making a unit look nice grew on me. During my first internship, it was a real eye-opening experience on what a construction site looks like. I look forward to and am excited to be a Project Manager following graduation.

EVAN COPES – UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA – LINCOLN

Evan is from Lincoln and a junior in Construction Management. He is involved in the AGC Student Chapter and is an alternate on the ASCE Competition Team. He also volunteered at Belmont Elementary last year.

What led you to seek a Construction Career?

Evan discovered his passion for construction while enrolled in Revit in high school. While he loved designing buildings, he didn't see himself going into architecture. He chose Construction Management as he's a self-described 'micromanager' and loves to lead and manage teams.

ALYSSA HAAS – University of Nebraska – Omaha

Alyssa is from Omaha and actively involved on campus as President of the Engineering Living/Learning Community, Nebraska Engineering Student Council at Omaha, AGC Student Chapter, Explorers Post and Student Shadowing. She also volunteered for this year's Block Kids Competition.

What led you to seek a Construction Career?

Construction was a back-up option as Alyssa started in Architecture Engineering. During her freshman year, she discovered Construction Management and developed a strong desire to stay in the building industry. While interested in all areas of all construction, she is considering commercial and infrastructure. The most useful thing Alyssa has learned are that the 'possibilities are endless.'

NICHOLAS WILKE – Wayne State College

Nicholas is from Wayne and a member of the AGC Student Chapter. He has worked and volunteered in a variety of capacities including youth baseball coach, dog trainer and hunting guide. He is pursuing a degree in Construction Management with a minor in Safety.

What led you to seek a Construction Career?

Growing up with a dad in construction developed Nicholas's love of the industry. He really enjoys the process – watching things being built and the progression of projects from start to finish.