

# Construction Management Technology News

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Spring 2003

**Employment:** Employment for the May 2003 graduates is approximately 95%, with three weeks to go before graduation. Every senior has received at least three offers. Final data on employment will be tabulated on the CMT web site. Previous employment data is available on the CMT web site.

**Enrollment:** At the present time, the enrollment appears to be on track with last year's high enrollment. Over 100 students are presently enrolled in the CMT program. The three full-time CMT faculty are finding it difficult to keep up with larger class sizes or new sections required.

**Web Site:** Alumni are encouraged to visit the web site – especially the “hearsay and rumors” link. Send information about yourself or alumni for posting. Former classmates want to know what other classmates are doing. Alumni are reported marriages, births, new responsibility, and job changes.

**EMTC Coordination:** With the demise of the two-year associate degree at the University of Maine, there has been a serious lack of trained technicians that are necessary for many Maine businesses. As a result, Eastern Maine Technical College was asked to start an associate degree in civil engineering technology. There is expected to be close cooperation between the construction management technology program and the EMTC program. At the present time, facilities and faculty will be shared.

**Competition:** Ray Werkmeister has big plans for the competition this year. He plans to enter the heavy construction category and the design-build category. A

lot of students have expressed an interest in volunteering for the competition.

**Recruiting and Outreach:** A meeting of CMT alumni occurred in the Portland area during the Fall. Several alumni have volunteered to talk to high school students. Additional meetings are planned to help keep alumni in touch.

**CPC Exam:** This Spring, four CMT students voluntarily took the CPC, Level 1 exam. Passing the exam coupled with their four-year degree will allow students to claim the title as Associate Constructors. Students leaving the exam seemed confident that they did well and were adequately prepared by the program to pass the exam.

**SVT Program:** The School of Engineering Technology (SVT) has inherited a new program – Surveying Engineering Technology. Previously surveying had been taught in the Spatial Information Engineering Department. Last year, the SIE faculty opted to eliminate traditional surveying courses and concentrate on information technology. New England surveying societies petitioned to keep the program. As a result of this outcry, traditional surveying education was moved to the School of Engineering Technology. There is close cooperation and numerous shared courses between the Surveying Engineering Technology program and Construction Management Technology program resulting in considerable overlap between the two programs. This aids both programs. Students that are from Connecticut and Massachusetts that are unable to take advantage of NEHBE tuition reduction can enroll in the SVT program for the NEHBE tuition reduction and cover

significant parts of construction management. Faculty that teach in both programs can be counted for ABET/TAC accreditation.

**Dean's List:** Outstanding academic achievement is recognized in at least two ways: the Presidential (3.5) Pin and the Dean's List. Congratulations to Michael Archer (2004), Jason Babbidge (2004), Kirk Ball (2003), William Bannister III (2005), Gerard Bard (2005), Jacob Bowler (2005), Thomas Carey (2003), Matthew Hebert (2002), Patrick Hopkins (2005), Jeffrey Kramer (2005), Adam Lawson (2003), Ian McCarthy (2003), Jessica Mitchell (2004), Travis Ridky (2004), Jonathan Rose (2005), Joseph Valley (2003), and Joseph Winzinger (2004) for making the Fall 2002 Dean's list.

**3.5 Awards:** The Construction Management Technology program is pleased to announce four new recipients of the Presidential 3.5 award. The recipients are: Jessica A. Mitchell, Joseph P. Valley, Shane P. Amoroso, and Travis A. Ridky. The Presidential Pin, is awarded only once in a student's career at the University of Maine. Full-time students must attain a 3.00 GPA or better over two consecutive semesters (a minimum of 24 credits) of accumulated course work and must also achieve a 3.5 GPA or better for the most recent semester.

**Seniors:** We are proud to announce the pending graduation of Kirk Ball, Tom Carey, Travis Fernald, Adam Lawson, John Linscott, Spencer Maynard, Ian McCarthy, John Phillips, Mathew Richard, Adam Roy, Joe Valley, Christine Webber, Travis Whitehead, and Kathy Wilder.

**Outreach:** The University of Maine is planning to have a booth at the Construction Exhibition in Rhode Island. This is part of our continuing efforts to recruit students and let high school guidance counselors know about the University of Maine's Construction Management Program. We also send letters to high schools when their alumni make the Dean's list or graduate. We are always looking for ways to get the message about the program and success of our graduates.

**Summer Employment:** Many employers ask how they can attract undergraduates for Summer employment. To maximize Summer savings, students seek employment near their home or University apartment. Employers that provide living quarters or per diem will provide a compelling enticement to students seeking Summer interns. Another option is for employers to go to local high schools and recruit for the Construction Management Technology program. These students will more than likely seek jobs near their home and your business to save costs.

**Employer Recruiting:** There are three levels of active recruiting at UM: The first is sending CMT faculty a job announcement to post. The second level is to come and make a presentation about the company before the student chapter. The third level is to invite students to interviews. The CMT faculty will be happy to work with an employer and aid a company in choosing a level and their recruiting efforts.

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We are seeking your help to fund scholarships for students. Many of our students struggle to pay for their education. You can help these students by funding or creating a scholarship. Please consider making a donation toward this worthy endeavor.

Make checks payable to the University of Maine. Note on the check "CMT Scholarship" or include the completed form with your check. Mail checks and form to:

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The enclosed check is to be used for the:

☐ Alumni Scholarship for CMT Students (any amount)

☐ Named Scholarship (\$10,000 minimum)

Name of Scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_

Merit Based: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Other Limitations: \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ AGC Student Competition