PCI Foundation’s Project Precast Brings University Students From Across The United States To Fort Worth

Innovative Precast/Prestressed Concrete Competition

CHICAGO, February 11, 2020 --- An innovative precast concrete design competition is bringing 16 university students to Dallas/Fort Worth next month to compete in Project Precast 2020, sponsored by the PCI Foundation.

The competition known as Project Precast, solicited applications from engineering, construction management and architecture students from across the country. Sixteen students, which includes one alternate, were chosen. Five teams of 3 students, one from each discipline will have just 48 hours to design and present a not yet disclosed structure. The structure will be indicative of Texas, just like last year’s horse barn was emblematic of the convention’s location in Louisville, Kentucky.

The competition will be held March 4 through 6 during the PCI Convention to be held at the Fort Worth Convention Center.

The winning team, chosen by a panel of expert and celebrity judges, will win a cash prize of $3000; $1000 per student.

“We had applications from across the US and far more entries then we had team positions,” said Tom Kelley, chairman of the PCI Foundation’s board of trustees. “We introduced this competition just last year to do something rarely done; bring students from different majors and different parts of the country together to design a precast building in less than two days. In the business world these 3 professions come together on every building and our mission is to assure they understand the benefits and opportunities of using precast concrete.”

- **Clemson University**: Aaron Cordle, Architecture
- **Colorado State University**: Tanmay Vashishta, Construction Management
- **Florida International University**: Isabella Zapata Vivas, Engineering
- **Idaho State**: Mahesh Mahat, Engineering
- **New Jersey Institute of Technology**: Mohammed Hassan, Construction Management
- **North Carolina**: Sarveswaran Ganapathy, Architecture
- **Sacramento State University**: Ivan Sanchez, Construction Management; James P. Taylor, Engineering; Lev Darney, Engineering
- **University of Alabama**: Daniel Valentim, Engineering
- **University of Arizona**: Joseph Moya, Engineering
- **University of Southern California**: Jesse Lopez, Architecture; Jeffery Cheung, Architecture
- **Washington University in St. Louis**: Hanui Yu, Architecture; Courtney Prentiss, Architecture/Construction Management; Patrick Murray, Architecture/Construction Management
This year’s overall sponsor is SIKA, the leading supplier of specialty chemical products and industrial materials serving the construction and industrial markets. Each of the 5 teams has a sponsor from the precast industry who will be supplying coaches to their teams: CEG, Clark Pacific, Coreslab, Metromont and Tindall.

ABOUT THE PCI FOUNDATION - Since 2001, the PCI Foundation has been the educational entity that supports the Precast/Prestressed Concrete industry. The mission of the PCI Foundation is to foster educational and research initiatives focused on innovative approaches to the integrated and sustainable use of precast concrete design, fabrication, and construction. It is a charitable 501(c) 3 corporation, based in Chicago, which supports the inclusion of precast concrete programs at accredited colleges and universities. To learn more, visit the PCI Foundation website at [www.PCI-Foundation.org](http://www.PCI-Foundation.org).

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