CHICAGO, March 19, 2020 --- What Might A Future High School Football Stadium Look Like? That was the design competition for Project Precast 2020. Just in its second year, the competition brought college and university students together with industry mentors for three days in Fort Worth, TX, the site of PCI’s annual Precast Show.

“The students had no idea what their project was, nor had they ever met the industry mentors or other members of their teams before they arrived in Texas,” said Marty McIntyre, Chicago-based executive director of the PCI Foundation and host of the competition.

The night the students arrived they were given an abbreviated version of the design challenge. In keeping with the locale, the challenge was to design a Texas high school football stadium for the modern era, using precast concrete.

The teams were given just 30 hours to research, collaborate, complete a one-page summary, prepare a PowerPoint presentation and present their final design to an audience of more than 100 who packed the meeting room at the PCI Convention in Fort Worth on March 6th. The overall sponsor was SIKA with Paul Ramsburg involved as the supplier expert, moderator and a member of the jury.

The winning team - To see a YouTube video of the winning presentation, click here.

From left to right, is winning team

Courtney Prentiss, a graduate student in architecture and construction management, Washington University in St. Louis

Sarveswaran Ganapathy, a graduate student in architecture, North Carolina State University

Lev Darney, undergraduate engineering student, CSU Sacramento
Industry leaders and NFL alumni served as jurors including from left, Paul Ramsburg, SIKA; David Welber, Vice President Turner Construction Company; Larry Mallory an NFL Alumni member who played for the New York Giants; Gary Wildung, precast concrete expert and founding partner of FDG; Matt Shea, University of Colorado Denver, College of Architecture and Planning and Lifford Hobley, President of the NFL Alumni Dallas Chapter.

“The 16 students chosen are examples of highly intelligent, competitive, team-oriented and enjoyable leaders of tomorrow,” explained McIntyre. They made up 5 teams with one alternate. Each team was composed of three students: one from architecture, another majoring in engineering and a third studying construction management.

Student members and sponsors of the 5 teams included:

**TEAM CLARK PACIFIC** *(First Prize winners of $3000)*
Coach: Doug Bevier, Tom Anderson, Nick Smiderie and Mike Ryan
Lev Darney, California State University, Sacramento
Courtney Prentiss, Washington University in St. Louis
Sarveswaran Ganapthy, North Carolina State University

**TEAM CEG – Consulting Engineers Group** *(Winners of Honorable Mention Award)*
Coach: Peter Niemczak
Jesse MacDougall Lopez, University of Southern California
Patrick Logan Murray, Washington University in St. Louis
Isabella Zapata Vivas, Florida International University

**TEAM METROMONT**
Coaches: Harry Gleich, Suzanne Aultman, Clay Putnam and Gary Lentz
Tanmay Vasishta, Colorado State University
Daniel Bridi Valentim, University of Alabama
Hanui Yu, Washington University in St. Louis

**TEAM CORESLAB**
Coaches: Bill Doughty, Vern Smith and Todd Culp
Aaron Joseph Cordle, Clemson University
Ivan Antonio Sanchez, Sacramento State University
James Preston Taylor, Sacramento State University

**TEAM TINDALL** *(Winners of Audience Choice Award)*
Coaches: Chuck Wynings, Isaac Perkins and Patty Peterson
Jeffery Cheung, University of Southern California
Mohamed Hassan, New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT)
Joseph Martin Moya, University of Arizona
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Alternate team member: Mahesh Mahat, Idaho State University

Next year the PCI Convention “The Precast Show” will be held in New Orleans February 23 – 27, 2021

Above are 5 teams of students and coaches from Project Precast 2020

ABOUT THE PCI FOUNDATION

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