



2016-2017 Scholarship Recipient

Robert L. Landau & Betty L. Landau Scholarship

Robert McEachern Memorial Scholarship

Employees of J. R. Abbott Construction

Training & Education Scholarship



Samuel Rykken

Junior, Washington State University

Sam is pursuing a Construction Management degree with a Business Administration minor at Washington State University. He grew up in Spokane, and is the youngest and only sibling of six to attend a university. He serves as a Motor Transport Operator in the Washington Army National Guard.

Sam serves as the vice president of the Design Build Institute of America student chapter, is a member of the Associated Students of Construction Management, a member of the Mechanical Contractors Association, and a member of the AGC student club. He has competed on the ASC Virtual Design and Construction team down in Sparks, Nevada. He also competed on the MCA team, and attended the MCAA Conference in Orlando.

Sam discovered his passion for construction when he ran a painting business in Spokane the summer of 2013. He loved the process of chasing and acquiring work, building a relationship with the client and his employees he was serving, managing the time, money, and performance involved, and ultimately exceeding the expectations of the client and people he worked with.

He spent the summer interning with Swinerton Builders in Denver. The internship consisted of working in the estimating department and in the field, where he worked on a new build of an elementary school. After graduation, Sam hopes to work for a company that has a culture where he can feel at home.