

2017-2018 Scholarship Recipient

Donald and Clarice Bocek Scholarship

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Kelli Desrosier

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My name is Kelli Desrosier, and I am working toward my Construction Management degree at the University of Washington. I am the president of the NECA student chapter, a student representative of the AGC student chapter, a member of the MCA team, and the team captain of both the NECA and Reno Mixed-Use 2018 competition teams.

I've grown up with family members all working in the trades and I've always had an interest and a deep respect for the construction industry. Most of my childhood memories are split between jobsites with my father and visits to Compton Lumber and Home Depot. However, I never considered it as a career path because I always associated construction with being a male-dominated field. Luckily, I stumbled upon Construction Management: the hidden gem of programs at the University of Washington. Once I realized there was an entirely other side to the industry, I began to realize the endless opportunities a career in Construction Management could offer. For the first time in my life, I felt passion and purpose.

I have been interning with Cochran since June 2016. I worked in the CAD/Engineering department before transitioning to a project engineer position. I have worked on the University of Washington Medical Expansion, the University of Washington North Campus Housing project, and am currently in the estimating department. I plan to seek other internship opportunities for the duration of my senior year, hopefully on the electrical side of the industry. I cannot wait to enter the industry as a full-time project engineer in Seattle, or the "Crane City," as I like to call it. In my spare time, I enjoy horseback riding, hiking, kayaking, cooking, and camping with friends and family.