

*Tell us a bit about your background, your career, your involvement with the AGC and your involvement with the AGC Education Foundation.*

I have always enjoyed building and knowing how things are constructed. When I started at the University of Washington, my brother suggested I go into building construction. I found the classes gratifying. After a detour in the U.S. Army, I finished my studies and graduated in March of 1973 and began work the following Monday.

I heard about the Foundation from Bill Scott, the CEO and Chairman of our company and my manager. Earlier in my career, I participated in AGC activities. Jim Crutcher called to ask me to join the board twelve years ago. I thought that it was time to give back to the industry.

*What was your first impression of this organization?*

I knew about the Foundation's scholarships because we had employees at Sellen who had them. I was not aware of the extent of the education classes or the initiatives to get young people involved in construction. I was impressed with the people that were on the board and their commitment to the organization.



*Bob Barrett*

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realizing that our goals are essential to the future of the industry. Having worked over 30 years for Sellen Construction and seeing the change and growth, I know you have to keep devising new ideas. I would love to see the top 20 general contractors have endowments in our Foundation; those companies get good people from the programs our Foundation supports.

*Knowing that your time and personal resources are at a premium, what is it about the AGC Education Foundation that makes it a worthy investment?*

It gets back to the people and the genuine feeling that we all want to make our industry better. It is the common theme that runs through everybody committed to this Foundation. ■

*What are you the most proud of when it comes to the AGC Education Foundation?*

I am most proud of the quality of people that I have seen in our industry who have received support from the AGC EF. When I look at the recipients of scholarships, I recognize that we have targeted some really bright young people.

*What are your hopes for the Foundation in the future?*

If we could double or triple our endowment in the next five to ten years, it would allow the Foundation to grow in various ways. We will always have the annual campaign but the endowment allows us to have a big return on investment that can support our programs even if the economy is struggling.

*Why do you think it is important for general contractors to support the AGC Education Foundation?*

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