

What was your vision for the AGC Education Foundation, which prompted you to become a champion for the foundation and one of its first endowment investors?

My main desire was to have something that provided a method for strong educational service to our industry. I had the opportunity to go to college because of the G.I. Bill. In my mind, we, as the AGC, needed to impart something along those lines. We needed a way to help people understand the educational side of construction. This is that opportunity!

Who were the key players in the formation of the AGC Education Foundation?

Larry Johnson was of course. Allan Osberg and the late Don Bocek were also very active. Larry, Allan, and I continue to be active in promoting the importance of the foundation. I believe that those investing and involved in the foundation today are just as important as those that were there in the beginning; they have bigger dreams than we did. We have surpassed many of the initial expectations for the foundation. I could not have predicted that the foundation would become what it is today.

How has the AGC Education Foundation evolved over time?

In the beginning the education provided was focused on college graduates. Since then the foundation has opened doors to education, bringing on the teachers and showing them the importance of education in construction. Then, we began working with high school aged kids, and now grade school students with our hands-on construction math project. We at the foundation are proving that the construction industry has good salaries available for smart workers.

When you think of the AGC Education Foundation today, how do you define it?

The AGC Education Foundation is an organization that is dedicated to the construction industry in every possible way that makes it a growth industry.

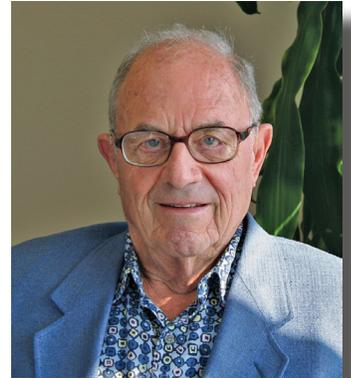
What do you think the role of the AGC Education Foundation is to the community?

To demonstrate to the public that we are an incredible industry that provides career opportunities to individuals with diverse educational backgrounds.

What are your hopes for the foundation as it continues on? I hope that the same enthusiasm that now exists will carry on over the years. We need to keep the flexibility to update programs and classes as demands evolve, while continuing to prioritize the needs of the industry. It is important to recognize that we cannot be the answer for everything, but we can set the standard for those that fulfill the mission to both educate and truly promote the industry. We must be prudent on behalf of our investors.

Why do you choose to continue to invest financially in the AGC Education Foundation?

Since 1990, when Betty and I established our endowment, the AGC Education Foundation has made every effort to be more involved in taking care of the needs of the construction industry. We first pledged to help young people interested in Construction Management education at local universities. Since that time the foundation has taken on additional responsibilities. As an organization, we help the local universities provide an education that fits the needs of the construction industry. The foundation has taken on the responsibility of all AGC education, while introducing the construction industry to teachers, high school and junior high students. ☑



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