



AGC Education Foundation

Developing and Promoting Construction Careers through Quality Education and Training • Established 1980

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Letter from the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Giving back. *Twenty-eight years ago, a group of hard working general contractors understood the meaning of these two words and created the AGC Education Foundation. Appreciating the success afforded to them by the construction industry, these AGC members chose to give back. They created a foundation that provides direction and education for people to acquire knowledge and skills that translate into successful careers within the construction industry. Our founders knew that their success should be afforded to others and the industry needs educated people to continue their work.*

During the recent AGC Education Foundation Celebration Dinner, we were joined by individuals who are all connected to this vast industry. More than simply an industry, it was a celebration of community—general contractors, skilled craft professionals, architects, engineers, accountants, scholarship and grant recipients, donors, and teachers. They were connecting with colleagues and friends, all in the spirit of supporting our mission.

We have created this newsletter for you. It is our intention to keep you connected to each other and engaged with our programs. Additionally, we invite you to invest in the AGC Education Foundation. Enclosed is a pledge form and envelope. Your gift will be directed to the 2008-2009 Annual Fund, which allows us to offer the programs highlighted in this newsletter. The numerous gifts that we have all been given are meant to be shared with others.

Thank you very much for your kindness, generosity, and the contributions you make to support us.

We wish you, your family and friends, a wonderful holiday season.

Diane Kocer
Executive Director

2008 CELEBRATION DINNER

This fall marked the AGC Education Foundation 2008 Celebration Dinner. We welcomed two hundred people to the Rainier Club in Seattle with the common purpose of supporting and promoting the construction industry through the programs offered by the AGC Education Foundation. The event was charged with energy as old friends reunited and new faces were introduced into the mix. It was an evening dedicated to past and present foundation leadership, scholarship and grant recipients, educators, instructors, investors, and friends.



Evening highlights included the presentation of the *Distinguished Service Award* for 2008 and testimonials from scholarship recipients.

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AGC EDUCATION FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

The AGC Education Foundation is dedicated to the promotion of construction careers through quality education and training. Our diverse programs offer education to individuals in a variety of settings designed to best fit their needs and current industry knowledge.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

courses are offered through AGC of Washington district offices in Seattle, Tacoma, Bellingham, and Yakima. Participants learn in classrooms, computer labs, through field training, and in contracted training facilities. Our website allows you to view class offerings and register online. www.constructionfoundation.org



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The Ready Set Build program develops the power of problem solving



Students learn hands-on teamwork with Ready Set Build program



Teachers learn applied math ideas at Construction Math Camp

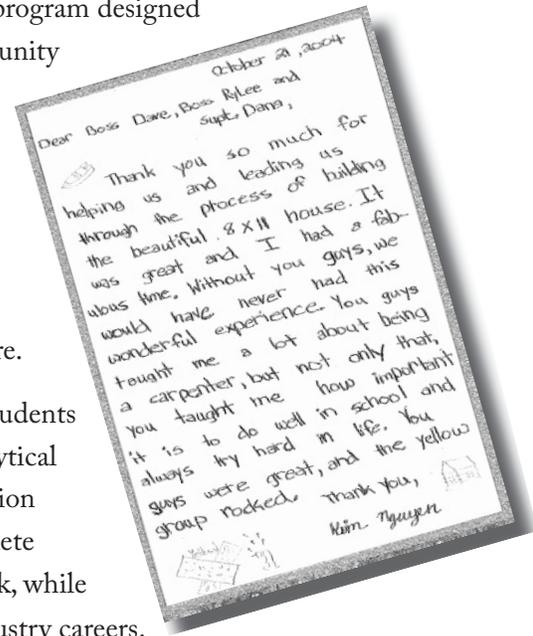


Teachers learn blueprint reading as a way to engage students in real world math

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READY SET BUILD is a two hour program designed to provide a hands-on learning opportunity for 5th through 8th grade students. Participants build a pre-fabricated, full-size, espresso stand. Starting with the foundation, students are outfitted with tools and accomplish everything from the framing, to the wiring, to the plumbing of the structure.

The *Ready Set Build* program allows students to utilize and learn applied math, analytical thinking, team work, and communication skills. The goal is to successfully complete the building with quality and safe work, while introducing youth to construction industry careers.



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APPLIED MATH combines a construction math curriculum with hands-on training for high school and middle school math teachers and counselors.

The *Construction Math Toolbox: A Blueprint for Success* curriculum provides teachers and counselors with lesson plans and resources for teaching fundamental math principles related to construction trades. The curriculum takes difficult math concepts and makes them sequential and tangible, thus more likely to be transferred effectively to the real world of construction.

Teachers and counselors have the opportunity to participate in one-day workshops and a week-long *Construction Math Camp* during the summer. All training sessions are taught by industry professionals utilizing applied learning and hands-on techniques which teachers and counselors are encouraged to use in their own classrooms and schools.



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2008 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Recognizing extraordinary service to our foundation through the investment of time, resources, and knowledge



Donald Bocek
(1908 - 2008)

Donald Bocek, construction industry leader and supporter of the foundation, has been awarded, posthumously, the 2008 AGC Education Foundation Distinguished Service Award. Friend and colleague, Allen Osberg, presented the award to Don's family at the AGC EF Celebration Dinner.

With a mechanical engineering degree from UW, Don joined his father Paul, and brother, Robert, forming Bocek and Sons, later named Bocek Brothers Construction Company. Bocek Brothers built many miles of roads, highways, bridges and other public works projects. They developed single family lots and a multitude of other real estate projects. In the early sixties, Bocek Brothers helped build I-5 through downtown Seattle. He was very active with the AGC and a great supporter and friend of the AGC Education Foundation.

Founders Corner

Dedicated to the visionary AGC members who established the AGC Education Foundation

What was your role in starting the AGC Education Foundation?

After joining the AGC in 1955, I developed an interest in construction education and became Chairman of the Education Committee in the 60's. I believed that education was the most important element of the construction industry.

How did the need to create a foundation come about?

A large contractor by the name of Henry Valley died leaving his wealth to a University of Washington scholarship program. As one of the most notable contractors in our area and an AGC member, sharing his fortune directly with our industry should have been an option. However, at that time, we had no vehicle for receiving donations. I talked to the board of the AGC; they authorized me to start a foundation.

Who were the key players in creating the foundation?

The original trustees were Louis Rowley, Tullus Gordon, Terry Deeny, Dann Sheffield and me. I was the Vice President of the AGC at the time. We decided that the Vice President would become the President of the foundation the year before becoming the president of the AGC. It was a great way of getting things started.

What was the vision for AGC Education Foundation?

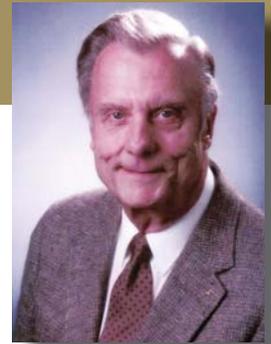
The initial name was the Seattle AGC Education and Community Service Foundation. This allowed for non-taxable donations to be used for scholarships or any good cause that we felt necessary to support financially. My intention was to raise the amount of the Henry Valley fortune — \$3.3 million within a year or two. I was overly optimistic, as it took much longer.

How do you define the AGC Education Foundation today?

A method of keeping the present AGC members and new members committed to the advancements in construction. Additionally, we want to cultivate new people who are interested in becoming future leaders in the industry.

What are your hopes for the AGC Education Foundation as it continues on?

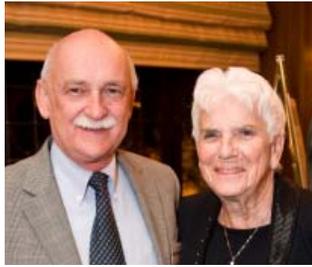
I, along with many others choose to invest in the AGC Education Foundation. By offering classes, the foundation enables individuals to keep up with innovations within the industry. I am pleased that I did my part —insuring that the next Henry Valley has a vehicle for distributing wealth. I believe in re-investing in an organization that is of great benefit to our industry — the AGC Education Foundation. I see the value of my donation growing with the hope that it is matched by a new generation of industry leaders.



Larry Johnson
Founders Interview

"I believed that education was the most important element of the construction industry."

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DINNER 2008
RAINIER CLUB



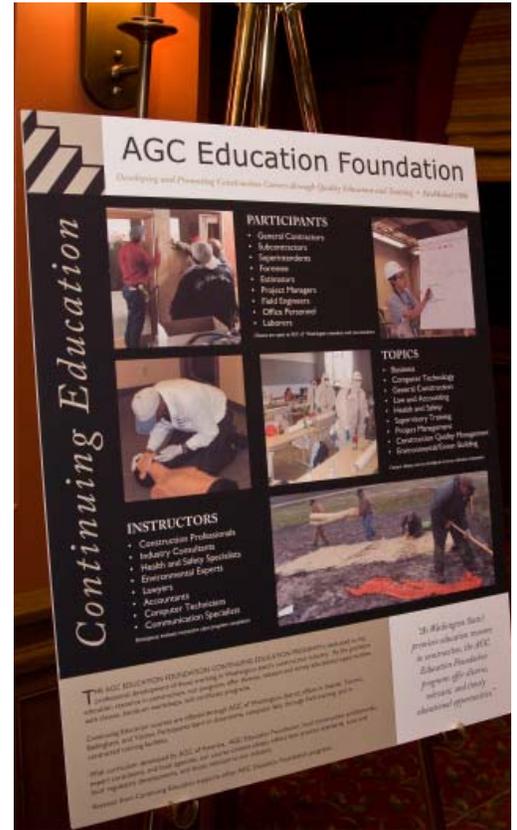
Dick Bristow, Clarice Bocek



Diane Kocer



Allan Osberg, Jim Crutcher, Blaise Goudy



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Frank Firmani, Michael Murphy, Steve Barger, Mary Barger



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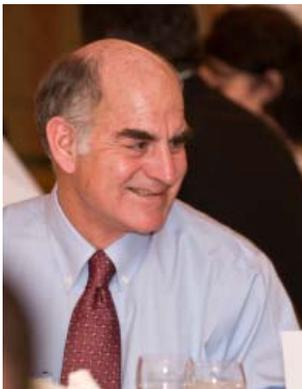
Dave Bocek



Diane Adam, Julie Coleman, Mary Comstock, Molly Goudy, Jeanne VanTighem, Clarice Bocek, Dave Bocek



Allan Osberg, Antonio Zuniga-Sanchez, Inger Osberg



Steve Barger



Cory Hitzemann, Aly and Dave Scalzo, Brad Hayes, Dave Ratzke

Thank You



CELEBRATION DINNER 2008
EVENT SPONSORSHIP



**Scholarship Recipient
Kimberly Hunter at WSU**



**UW Scholarship Recipient
Andrew Donaldson and Diane Kocer**



**South Kitsap High School Shop Class
AGC EF Grant**



**Mt Si High School Drafting Program
AGC EF Grant**

AGC EF PROGRAMS *(continued from p 2)*

SCHOLARSHIPS provide support for the education of young men and women who want to become tomorrow's leaders in the construction industry. Through the generosity of individual and corporate donors:



- \$500 to \$5,000 in scholarship awards are available for students entering construction management and related programs in Washington State universities, community colleges, and technical schools. 255 students have received AGC Education Foundation scholarships since the inception of the program.
- \$481,000 in scholarships has been awarded by the AGC Education Foundation. Scholarship recipients continue our tradition of giving back leading the *Ready Set Build*.

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EDUCATION GRANTS provide support to schools and programs which demonstrate educational needs related to construction careers. Priority is given to grant proposals that encourage and attract competent people to a career in construction, make effective use of volunteers and/or matching funds, and create a positive impact on construction workforce issues in Washington state. Proposed projects or programs must achieve or support one of the following:

- Promotion of academic and technical training achievement in construction
- Construction career awareness in grades K-12
- Non-profit community organizations addressing construction industry workforce development issues
- Promotion of education and awareness of the construction industry

The AGC Education Foundation has awarded over \$44,500 in grant assistance this year.

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GIVING OPPORTUNITIES at the AGC EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Annual Fund

The revenue generated from the AGC Education Foundation Annual Fund enables us to continue our successful programs; the introduction to construction careers to students, grants awarded to programs supporting construction education, continuing education to construction professionals, and positively marketing the industry throughout the community. We invite all of our donors to pledge annually to this fund. Memorials and honorary gifts are directed to the Annual Fund unless otherwise noted by the donor.

2008-2009 Annual Fund Goal \$150,000
Cycle of Giving July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

The following donors have provided a gift, and/or pledge, between July 1, 2008 and November 30, 2008. An updated list will be published in future newsletters.

Absher Construction Company
Addison Construction Supply, Inc.
Charter Construction, Inc.
Coughlin Porter Lundeen, Inc.
Graham Group U.S.
Gray Lumber Company
Hentschell & Associates, Inc.
Kelly Barber
Kiewit Pacific Company, Renton
Lakeside Industries
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Mr. Theodore Knudson
Mrs. Clarice Bocek
Ms. Barbara Hack
Ms. Elaine Ervin
Ms. Michele DeMaris
PCL Construction Services, Inc.
Pease & Sons, Inc.
Stanislaw Ashbaugh, L.L.P.
Zeta Management Training, Inc.

Planned Giving

A planned gift is made through estate planning generating interest into perpetuity. Planned gifts are desirable to the donor because of valuable tax benefits. Donors who indicate their commitment to naming the AGC EF as a beneficiary to their estate become members of the *AGC EF Legacy Society*.

Chester and Elizabeth Johnson The AGC Education Foundation was notified in September, 2008 that they were named as one of five beneficiaries under the Revocable Living Trust of Chester H. Johnson and Elizabeth N. Johnson. The anticipated value of this planned gift is \$300,000.

Art and Coleen Solbakken "Coleen and I believe so strongly in the work of this foundation that we have agreed to join the AGC Education Foundation Legacy Society by naming the foundation as a beneficiary of our estate."

Named Endowments

The Endowment Fund offers donors the opportunity to create a named endowment and to designate its purpose. The AGC Education Foundation has 28 named endowments, each with a principal gift of at least \$25,000 or more. All funds donated to the AGC EF Endowment Fund remain in a restricted account with only the interest available for the intended purpose. The following are AGC EF Named Endowments:

Absher Construction Company Endowment
Robert W. Austin Memorial Endowment Fund
Donald & Clarice Bocek Endowment
Chester H. Johnson & Elizabeth N. Johnson
Donald L. Clark Memorial Endowment Fund
Mr. A.E. DeAtley Memorial Scholarship
Dennis & Priscilla Dickert Endowment Fund
Egge-Koon Endowment Fund
Employees of Ferguson Construction Fund
The Hugh S. Ferguson Endowment Fund
Employees of GLY Construction
Howard S. Lease Memorial Endowment Fund
E. Kent Halvorson, Inc. Education Fund
Robert L. & Betty L. Landau Scholarship Fund
Robert B. McEachern Memorial Fund
MulvannyG2 Fund in Memory of
Patricia Chikamoto Lee
Nuprecon, Inc. Endowment Fund
Employees of Northwest Cascade
Mr. & Mrs. Allan F. Osberg Scholarship
William & Jean Scott Building Construction Fund
Sellen Construction Company Endowment Fund
Byron & Alice Lockwood Foundation
Foushee & Associates, Inc. Scholarship Endowment
Robert E. Barrett and Family Endowment Fund
Pease Construction Endowment Fund
UMC Charitable Foundation
Larry Johnson/Prime Construction Company
Employees of J.R. Abbott Construction
Training & Education Fund



With Continuing Education classes back in full swing, friends of the AGC Education Foundation gathered over burgers and beverages.



AGC EF

Continuing Education

The new **Project Manager Development Program (PMDP)**, a set of highly interactive courses, provides participants essential skills to advance their careers as project managers. Designed by the AGC of America for early-career project managers and those looking to move into similar roles.

Offered February – June 2009

For further information and a complete listing of AGC EF classes please visit:

www.constructionfoundaton.org

AGC EF FEATURED INSTRUCTOR

Paul Garlock, Construction Superintendent

Paul started teaching AGC EF classes, in 1987 including STP, SLS, and CTS. He also developed and teaches Time Management classes.



"...this industry has been very good to me. I feel that I need to give back, and if I can help one individual by passing on some of my knowledge or experiences to make a difference, I feel thankful for that opportunity."

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