DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR BOB BARRETT
Recognizing extraordinary service to our Foundation

Bob Barrett is an innovator who has spent a lifetime leading positive change as an industry professional, community leader, and volunteer. We are pleased to announce that Bob will be honored for his years of dedication and contributions to the AGC Education Foundation with the 2014 Distinguished Service Award. Friends and colleagues will come together to celebrate Bob's service to the Foundation at the 2014 AGC of Washington Annual Convention on January 24.

Bob joined Sellen Construction in 1973, the Monday following his graduation from the University of Washington. He moved up the ranks at Sellen and heard about the AGC EF from his friend and mentor Bill Scott, then CEO and Chairman. Bob joined the Board of Trustees of the AGC EF in 2000, served as President from 2003-2005, and continues to be a member of the Executive Committee.

Bob has played a pivotal role in the strategic planning and vision of the AGC EF. He is a staunch supporter of the Foundation’s mission to promote the industry through construction education. Not only does he give generously of his time and talent, he also established the Bob Barrett and Family Endowment Fund.

LEE AND ANNE KILCUP JOIN THE LEGACY SOCIETY
Supporting AGC Education Foundation’s planned giving program

Lee and Anne Kilcup dedicated their professional lives to the construction industry. In 2002, Anne retired from McKinstry after 25 years of service. During her last ten years at McKinstry, she served as Vice President of Human Resources and Administration. In 2010, Lee retired from GLY Construction where he had worked for 27 years. After rising through the ranks, Lee culminated his GLY career as CEO. For years, both have been active with the AGC of Washington and the AGC EF. Lee served as President of both the AGC EF Board of Trustees and the AGC Board of Trustees.

Said Lee and Anne when joining the Legacy Society, “Including the AGC Education Foundation in our estate planning allows us to give back to an industry and an organization that has given us much. We are excited to help fund construction education and would encourage our predecessors, peers, and successors to join together with us.”
Our new Lean Construction Certification Program (LCCP) helps contractors reduce costs through streamlined and efficient project management, keep work flowing so that crews are always productive installing product, reduce inventory of material and tools, and improve their bottom lines.

The six-module LCCP, developed with the assistance of Professional Engineers with construction backgrounds, trains companies to think in a new way about how a construction project is managed and executed. The LCCP teaches new lean techniques and approaches that reduce costs, shorten schedules, improve quality and remove variability and risk in projects.

The AGC EF offers the Lean Construction Series in two ways: the traditional classroom setting for all interested parties, and customized for individual companies.

GLY Construction piloted the new program and worked with the AGC EF to ensure its applicability to construction. “After using early integrated project planning to increase efficiency for years, owner interest encouraged us to consciously align our approach with lean principles,” said Jim Elliott, Principal – Healthcare for GLY. “The AGC Education Foundation did a lot of research to make sure the training is construction-specific and that the lean principles are taught with construction elements in mind.”

Since completion of the pilot, the first module of the LCCP series was offered – and sold out. Many companies have also contacted AGC EF about producing customized courses for their own workforces.

“I would absolutely recommend this class,” said Paul Garlock, Superintendent for Lydig Construction, after completing the first module. “The role playing and exercise was great! As an instructor, I know firsthand that this is the way most adults learn best. Since the classes, I have definitely been thinking of how I can use the principals and ideals that will help streamline processes.”

Garlock wasn’t alone in his enthusiasm. Chris Griffin, Project Manager for Graham Contracting Ltd. said, “I was surprised by the first class. I thought I could sit in the back and take in someone’s theories. I was very surprised when I found out it was a workshop and that I was definitely out of my comfort zone. But that is what it takes to grow and change.”

LCCP Module 1 participants work together in a hands-on activity.
Tell us a little bit about your background and how you got involved with the Education Foundation.

I am a CPA and a partner with Moss Adams. I have spent my entire career in public accounting focused on the construction industry and am currently the National Practice Leader for Moss Adams Construction Industry Group. Initially, I got involved with the Foundation because of Chris Clark. One day Chris called and said, “We need to talk.” I agreed and found our talk had very little to do with W.G. Clark and everything to do with the Education Foundation. The Education Foundation needed a treasurer for the Executive Committee and he asked me to fill that role. That was in 2001 and I have been involved ever since.

Beyond Chris Clark, was there something about the mission of the Foundation that attracted you to getting involved?

I am passionate about education. My volunteer efforts typically focus on education. What appealed to me about the Foundation was not only the education component, but also the service to all facets of the industry in which I have spent nearly my entire professional career working with.

“Why did you give your first gift to the Foundation?

It goes back to my desire to support the education of our youth and helping them discover their talents and future career options. It was easy to give. The Education Foundation provides our youth the opportunity to gain an understanding of the construction industry, to receive an education so they can pursue a career in the industry, and then provides continuing education throughout their career. It is really fun to see individuals discover their future and grow within their careers. I’m a little jealous to be honest. There is a good reason why I am a CPA...I can’t build anything. The fact that contractors can take something from plans, build it, and doesn’t topple over is impressive. This allows me to support an industry that I find fascinating.

In your opinion, what’s the most important work that the Foundation does?

This is easy. The mission of the Foundation is to be the premier education resource for the construction industry. In order to do so, the Foundation team needs to understand the industry and its needs. And, they do. They actively develop relationships, listen to needs, and respond with appropriate programs. Their success is seen in the scholarships and grants provided, the development of the mentor program, the development of classes such as the Lean Construction Certification Program, and the many other programs offered.

Do you have an anecdote about the Foundation or one of its programs that really has moved you?

At the Celebration of Generosity, I enjoyed watching the scholarship and grant recipients mingle with the donors. We have touched their lives, both recipients and givers. There is nothing more satisfying than their sincerity and appreciation. One of my favorite moments was when I was talking to one of the GLY scholarship recipients, and he said, “Did you know that guy over there is the ‘L’ in GLY? How cool is that?” He was wide eyed as he knew that he had been talking to an industry icon. I hope the donors know what an incredible impact they have made.

As a donor, what do you see as your return on investment when selecting the Foundation as part of your charitable giving?

My return on investment, quite honestly, is the success of the Foundation and the fact that we have an impact on students and professionals in a positive way allowing them opportunities to advance in their careers. This is huge. What is even more exciting is when those that benefited from the Foundation believe in the mission and in turn provide support for others. Very gratifying!
The AGC Education Foundation is helping Construction Management students from our state universities transition from their education into the industry.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors and the volunteer service of several former AGC EF scholarship recipients and other industry partners, the Foundation sponsored and designed a mentorship program that allowed Construction Management students to:

- Learn about the programs provided by the AGC Education Foundation
- Network with former scholarship recipients, donors and industry leaders
- Get an up-close look at large scale projects and hear from the individuals running them

Thank you!

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Sellen Construction  
Sound Transit  
The Boeing Company  
University of Puget Sound  
Walsh Construction  
Wilcox Construction, Inc.
It was great to see the future generation come out and get involved with the AGC EF. I wish I would have had this — seeing jobsites and networking. As a former scholarship recipient, it makes me realize all that the AGC EF really does — it’s like AAA for construction.

– Jeremy Winter, Walsh Construction, mock interviewer
Scholar Spotlight

AGC EF INVESTS IN LEADERS...LIKE EDUARDO SANCHEZ
16 students receive scholarships

This spring AGC EF created the Investing in Leaders Scholarship thanks to the generosity of Annual Fund donors. Scholarship recipients for the 2013-2014 school year were selected for their drive to pursue a career in this industry. It is a competitive process and not every applicant meets the standards. Eduardo Sanchez is one who did.

Eduardo was introduced to construction by his father and uncle. As a child, he enjoyed spending most of his spare time building and designing things. His interest continued in high school where Eduardo took a number of architecture and drafting courses and became a first generation high school graduate. After high school, Eduardo began work as a laborer for private residential construction to help provide for his family. His father suffered a horrible on-the-job accident that nearly cost him his life and left him unable to work.

As the oldest child in his family, Eduardo felt a great sense of responsibility to be a positive example to his siblings. He chose to pursue a degree in Construction Management at Central Washington University, commuting to and from his home town of Yakima. While attending CWU full time, he also continued working full time to help support his family. A few years ago, Eduardo's brother had a stroke which caused significant memory loss. Eduardo worked closely with his brother to ensure that he not only graduated from high school but also joined Eduardo at CWU this year.

Though Eduardo has faced many difficult situations, he continues to push himself in the pursuit of his goals. This summer he worked as an intern for Granite Construction in Selah and continued to work nights and weekends to help support his family.

The AGC Education Foundation is proud to support Eduardo. We look forward to seeing his contributions to the industry!

Congratulations to the additional 2013-2014 scholarship recipients:
Jason Aldrich, CWU; Brandon Burr, UW; Michael Fernandez, UW; Ryan Garris, WSU; John Gibson, UW; John Heffernan, WSU; Kali Leachman, UW; Zachary Lunden, CWU; Grant Maskal, CWU; Noah Martin, WSU; Joshua Reed, UW; Sigrid Santos, UW; Kindra Scobba, CWU; Coby Vardy, CWU; Andrew Von Rotz, CWU.

“I am a Future Leader”

The AGC Education Foundation is dedicated to developing and promoting construction careers through quality education and training. This fall, the AGC EF partnered with first graders at Fernwood Elementary in Bothell to develop the “I am a Future Leader” video promoting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education, leadership and construction careers.

This video will debut at the AGC Annual Convention in January and will be available on our website at www.constructionfoundation.org.

Fernwood Elementary School students
Named Endowments

The Endowment Fund offers donors the opportunity to create a named endowment and to designate its purpose.

Established by November 15, 2013

Pioneer ($500,000 plus)
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