

2017-2018 Scholarship Recipient

Robert B. McEachern Memorial Scholarship

Frank and Susan Young Scholarship

Matthew and Suzanne Lessard Scholarship



Austin Bartleson

Senior, Washington State University

My name is Austin Bartleson, and I am working toward my Construction Management degree at Washington State University. I am the president of the Associated Students of Construction Management (ASCM) and a member of both DBIA and MCA. Last year was my second year participating on the Virtual Design and Construction Reno competition team. In 2016, we didn't place; however, in 2017 we placed second in the country.

I have been interested in the construction industry since I first walked on my father's jobsites. My inspiration had a direct relationship with my dad's experiences running his own residential contracting firm. Being able to put work into place and have a physical representation of the progress has kept me interested to this day. Before transferring to WSU, I chased my childhood dream of becoming a professional baseball player until an injury in my junior year set me back. Since pursuing my degree toward construction, I have never looked back.

I am currently interning with Swinerton Builders in Airway Heights, Washington on a 34,000-square foot casino. The summer prior, I spent my internship in La Center, Washington on a 360,000-square foot casino, also with Swinerton Builders. After graduation, I hope to continue building my engineering skills full-time with Swinerton Builders.

Outside of work I enjoy snowboarding, hiking, mountain biking, fishing, softball, playing card games and traveling with my family.