



WINTER 2024

CONGRATULATIONS, FALL 2023 ASSOCIATE CONSTRUCTORS

Associate Constructors are senior-level students who have fulfilled stringent requirements including passing a selective national examination. Congratulations to these outstanding graduates who have excelled in their preparations for careers in construction management.



Ashton Bastedo



Logan Bertrand



Brittany Blanchard



Jade Case



Jack Dillon



Thomas R. Johnson



Ely McPherson



John Roppolo



Todd Stewart



Harrison Zeigler

In 1976, ULM's Construction Management major became the first nationally accredited program in the United States.



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Students receive hardhats when they pass their capstone construction management course during their senior year. Pictured here are those who received that honor in Fall 2023. Front row: Matthew “Dylan” Buell, Dylan Steinbach, Jordan Davis, William Windham, Chandler Wiley, and Andrew Soong. Back row: Nathan Franks, Walter “Cole” Hathaway, Jarrett Brocato, Kelly Gulka, Willam “Peyton” Hodnett, Brett McGuffee, Adam Mock, and Kenneth Rogers. Dr. Ed Brayton, their professor, and retired administrative assistant Debbie DeNardin are in front/center.



Sigma Lambda Chi spring 2023 installation (new inductees bolded): seated—SLC President Brittany Blanchard, SLC Vice President Jade Case; front row standing—Abigail Carroll, Todd Stewart, **Joshua Shivers**, **Ashton Bastedo**, **Christopher Cheadle Lindbeck**, **Joshua Marchand**, **Logan Bertrand**, William Windham; back row—Dylan Steinbach, SLC Exec. Advisor Brady Jones, Andrew Cady, **Michael Estep**, **Ely McPherson**, **Christopher Holyfield**, **Cole Johnston**, **Sarah Kelly**, **Noah Bellard**, Braedon Parfait, SLC Secretary Harrison Zeigler.



FALL 2023 OPEN HOUSE FOR FAMILIES OF PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS



THE PINGPONG TABLE PROVIDES RELAXING ENTERTAINMENT FOR STUDENTS BETWEEN CLASSES AND STUDY SESSIONS



Clint Martin, EdD: Director of the ULM School of Construction Management

Since August 2023 **Dr. Clint Martin** has been the Director of the ULM School of Construction Management. He came to the SoCM with a knowledge of its national reputation and a strong desire to build on that existing excellence as well as its industry partnerships.



“I’m so impressed with the support the SoCM has from industry

organizations—for example, the Mechanical Contractors Association of Louisiana, through **Dr. Henry Heier**. The Industry Advisory Council members are so committed to supporting the quality of the program, so committed to our students and getting them set on a good career path,” says Dr. Martin.

Dr. Martin’s vision is eventually to have various tracks within the program, such as residential, commercial (vertical), highway/bridge (horizontal), and so on. Various guest speakers could help students who want to go in different directions through a few upper-level courses.

Dr. Martin grew up in Oklahoma working for his dad, a home builder/contractor from whom he got his strong work ethic. Even as a child he worked, first cleaning up the job sites and then learning the tools appropriate for various tasks. One story he remembers that exemplifies that background of hard work was the

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first summer he and his brother went to football practice—while most of the team had a difficult time getting into

shape for the season, the two of them were already fit because of their work on construction jobs.

Working on wastewater treatment plants followed, then commercial contracting such as marine construction and government agency work. Dr. Martin then began his teaching career, first at Georgia Southern University, where he was program coordinator, and then the University of Southern Mississippi just before moving here to ULM.

Dr. Martin earned his BS at the University of Central Oklahoma, his MS at the University of Oklahoma, and his EdD at Georgia Southern University. He loves nature and volunteer work, already looking forward to kayaking on local waterways. He likes to draw/sketch and learned to carve duck decoys from his dad. He also likes to work on and modify old cars and trucks. He has three children: six-year-old and ten-year-old sons as well as a nine-year-old daughter.



Dr. Martin is thankful for the professionalism and diligence of staff and faculty: Engineer in Residence **Marshall Hill**, Instructor **Greg Smith**, and Assistant to the Director **Anna Emfinger**.

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