



ALI OGHANI



- CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO
- GRADE LEVEL: JUNIOR
- MAJOR: BS, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

I was born and raised in Tehran, the capital city in Iran. I grew up speaking only Farsi (Persian). When I turned 17 in 2007, I left Iran for Southeast Asia. A few years later, I moved to the United States.

During my travels, one of the places I visited was Hawaii, where I met a person who taught me carpenter skills and hired me as construction labor. I wanted to learn a skill to be able to support myself and be a successful, independent person. After that experience, I knew construction was what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. I moved to California and found out that Cal State Chico has one of the best construction management programs in the country. I decided to go back to school after over five years of being out of school.

I want to get involved with sustainable construction and projects that protect the environment. I see myself in the future as the owner of a leading green construction company and would steer this company toward building nice modern housing for low-income people. It would be a great accomplishment to build houses for people who can't afford to buy a house at the standard market rate and make it easier for people to purchase their own homes. The United States offered me the chance to create a new life and I would like to offer a similar opportunity to others through my work in the construction industry.

GIOVANA BLOCH



- CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY
- GRADE LEVEL: THIRD YEAR
- MAJOR: BS, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

I was born and raised in Fremont, California. My family immigrated to the United States from Mexico City and Colombia. I am fluent in both Spanish and English.

I have lived in the Bay area my entire life, and I remember as a little girl driving past the large glass skyscrapers in San Francisco. I was amazed and hypnotized by the elegant and grand buildings that were in a cramped metropolitan city. Ever since that day, it has been my goal to be part of the team that makes it possible to build high-rises.

My goal in the future is to suggest projects to a construction firm. I would be fascinated to travel the world representing a company and interacting with future business partners, investors and current job sites. Also, I am interested in working in different construction firms around the world. It would be amazing working for a firm that provides their employees with the opportunity to transfer to offices in major international cities like in Europe. Hopefully, with enough determination and perseverance, I can accomplish my goals.

WILL MYERS



- CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN LUIS OBISPO
- GRADE LEVEL: FOURTH YEAR
- MAJOR: BS, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

I was born and raised in Torrance, California. I lived there for 16 years until I moved to San Luis Obispo. After graduation, I will be relocating to San Diego, where I have accepted the position of project engineer for DPR Construction (DPR).

When I was applying to schools, I reviewed the major catalogs trying to find something that interested me — which was hard until I learned about construction management. I grew up as a carpenter on residential homes and thought that the only way to grow in construction is by doing the labor. But that idea quickly changed when I realized how important it is to have a

college-educated construction professional on site. Once I realized that, I knew that construction management was by far the best major for me.

One of the biggest career goals is to lead construction operations at DPR. During my last four years at school, I have been fortunate enough to witness a few leaders carrying their companies through good and bad times. All those individuals have taken the time to influence and inspire me and my peers to grow and learn as much as we can. One day, I want to do the same for the next generation in the industry.

STERLING TRELOAR



- **CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY,
SAN LUIS OBISPO**
- **GRADE LEVEL: THIRD YEAR**
- **MAJOR: BS, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT**

I am from Silverado, located in the foothills between Los Angeles and San Diego. I grew up in a small community with only a few other neighbors. In the fall of 2007, a scorching wildfire burned through my community and affected the lives of several of my neighbors. This event enabled me to recognize the benefits of construction as homes were rebuilt around us, and it sparked my interest in the construction industry.

Since I was young, I have been passionate about construction and serving others. As a dedicated Boy Scout, not only did I acquire multiple skills and abilities through earning over 60 merit badges, I earned the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout by completing a project for which I designed and built diffusers and sound panels, and supervised their installation to soundproof a recording studio for Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, California.

The construction management major at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, was the perfect match for my skills and love of the outdoors. I am thrilled to be studying at this polytechnic university where I can learn about management techniques, develop construction skills, participate in building projects, and work with other students and professors who share my passion for this field. Additionally, I was selected by

faculty for membership in Sigma Lambda Chi, the International Construction Honor Society, based on my academic achievements.

The past two summers, I had internships at a construction company where I had the opportunity to learn about the construction business. During these internships, I participated in preconstruction of a multimillion-dollar design-build project in which I performed quantity takeoffs, worked directly with a Fortune 100 client to prepare numerous change orders, and pursued multiple bids from different trades. These internships solidified my plan to pursue a career in construction management.

After graduation, I hope to work in a construction company that focuses on projects that benefit and aid communities, whether that means building hospitals, entertainment parks or residential housing. I aspire to be a skilled construction manager who will always produce a good result by being a leader for my team and respecting the wishes of the owner of the project. I would like to help my community through volunteer events with Boy Scouts of America and other organizations. Additionally, during my time as a working professional, I plan to work with Habitat for Humanity to help those in need not only in my community but also around the world.