

**KEY
NUMBERS**

- 64: Students currently enrolled in the program
- 4: Students graduating this fall
- 6: Students graduating this spring
- 2: Texas State has the second largest CIM program in the country

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First Students Graduate

Only two short years ago, 12 students were the first to enroll in the Concrete Industry Management Program at Texas State University. Thanks to the shared vision of a handful of industry leaders and the administration and faculty at Texas State University, these students had the opportunity to enroll in a new and unique academic program; one that recognizes the power of partnership between an

industry and the academic institution that is educating its future leaders.

Now, that vision has been fulfilled as the program has turned out its first four graduates this past December.

CIM was an ideal fit at Texas State, a university committed to meeting the educational needs of a thriving state. The university is seeing record expansion in enrollment while at the same time is expanding its



Top Row: Gloria and Bruce Ingram

educational opportunities across all disciplines, including applied scientific and technical programs like CIM.

With Texas State's strong commitment and enthusiastic support, the CIM program is proving to be a resounding success. Since Fall 2009 and the first daring dozen students, enrollment numbers have steadily increased to 65 declared majors today. The program also boasts outstanding

group of dedicated faculty, a fully equipped concrete testing laboratory and excellent classroom facilities.

Congratulations to Chase, Chris, Griffin and Travis for being the first graduates of the Texas State CIM program! You all are an outstanding testament to the strength of the CIM program and Texas State University.

Patrons Pony Up at National Auction



As part of the National CIM Auction at the upcoming World of Concrete, the Texas State CIM Patron's Foundation has offered up a fabulous Texas Wine Country Travel package. What better way to show off our great state than to offer up a memorable trip to the Texas Wine Country. Featuring over thirty unique wineries, the Texas Hill Country has something for everyone.

The package starts off with a fabulous three-day, two night stay for four at the luxurious Rose Hill Manor bed and breakfast located just outside of Fredericksburg, Texas. This AAA Four Diamond facility features exceptional fine dining within walking distance to the critically acclaimed Pedernales Cellars.

During your stay, you will be treated to wine tastings at Wood-

rose Winery, Torre di Pietra, and Becker Vineyards. Additionally, you will receive a special barrel tasting tour at Grape Creek Vineyards and a private tasting and cellar tour at Pedernales Cellars.

Additionally, you have access to a special whiskey tasting at Garrison Brothers Distillery, home of the first and oldest legal whiskey in Texas.

When you are done with your tastings, you will receive a case of Pedrenales Cellars wine including: (2) Texas Tempranillo, (2) Texas Merlot, (2) Texas Muscat Canelli, (2) Texas Viogneir, (2) Texas Grenache-Syrah-Mourvedre, and (2) Texas Ruby Port.

This package includes a \$1000 travel voucher in Southwest Airlines and a \$250 Visa Gift card to help cover other incidentals.

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Students work hand in hand with Industry

Recently, several third and fourth year CIM students left the classroom to participate in a round of summer internships. This program provided opportunities for these students to apply their recently acquired skills within the industry and earn sum much appreciated spending money. These exciting opportunities are a direct result of the CIM internship pro-

gram at Texas State.

The focus of these internships is not only to allow the students to practice what they learn in the classroom, but also provide opportunities for the students to learn leadership and build character traits that will help them be successful in the work force.

The goal of the internship program is to help cultivate

a passion for the industry, a desire to work hard, and provide a practical experience base for the young professionals that one day will be running our industry. If you are able to assist in the development of these valued resources by providing internship opportunities, please contact Richard Szecsy.

National Auction to Support CIM Program

The seventh annual CIM Auction is scheduled for January 25, 2012 at the World of Concrete in Las Vegas, Nevada and is gearing up to be the largest one to date. The 2011 Auction raised over \$500,000 to help support the CIM programs at Middle Tennessee State University, Arizona State University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Texas State University and the California State University - Chico.

According to Gene Martineau, Chairman of the CIM National Steering Committee, "The proceeds from the 2012 Auction will benefit the current CIM programs, the new Executive MBA program, as well as help fund



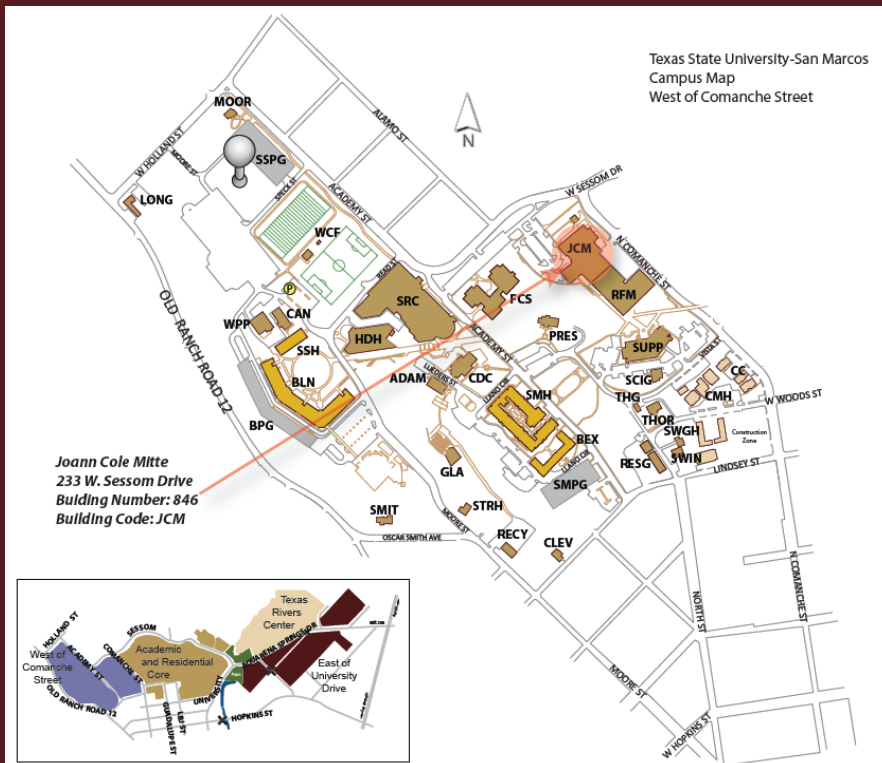
future program expansion."

There are two components to this year's auction; a silent auction that will be held from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm with the live auction scheduled to begin at 1:00 pm. Great items are always available including fabulous

travel packages, quality admixtures and cement, and a brand new Mack Truck with McNelius mixer.

You do not have to be present to bid and all proceeds go to support the CIM programs. For more detailed information, please go to www.concretedegree.com/auction.

Open House on February 28



The next Open House for the Texas State CIM Program is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2012. This event is scheduled to follow the annual Short Course sponsored by the Texas Aggregates and Concrete Association. Participants will have the opportunity to visit with faculty and current students as well as tour the facilities. The program is scheduled to conclude with a happy hour where participants can visit with other members of the industry. We hope to see you there.



CIM CONCRETE INDUSTRY MANAGEMENT

The objective of the Concrete Industry Management (CIM) Program is to produce graduates grounded in the basics of concrete's production techniques and its use in a multitude of construction applications. In addition, graduates acquire a minor in business administration. A CIM degree is designed to provide the graduate with a broad array of initial opportunities within the industry that include sales, operations, technical services, project, production and concrete construction management. CIM students gain both theoretical and practical knowledge of the concrete industry, its production techniques and construction applications through typical classroom-style learning, as well as hands-on experience through an array of internship opportunities.

From the Patron's Foundation Chairman



Patron's Foundation Chairman Dr. Earl Ingram

What an exciting time to be involved with the Texas State University CIM program! The Texas State University CIM Patron's Foundation has enjoyed the privilege of participating with university administration, faculty, staff, and students, as well as the CIM National Steering Committee and industry supporters during the inception and growth

of the program. The foundation provides a means for interaction between industry and academia, both intellectually and financially. Members of the foundation have coordinated numerous guest lecturers from industry to teach topics within

their respective fields of expertise. In addition, the foundation has accommodated plant tours and student socials that offer an opportunity for students and industry leaders to interact outside of the classroom. On the financial front, the foundation has provided student scholarships and supported student travel to industry events and seminars such as World of Concrete and ACI.

Who are the Patrons?

The Patrons are a group of industry leaders from the ready mix, precast, cement, aggregate, admixture, and contracting industries that have chosen to assist the Texas State CIM program through contributions of time and financial support.

How can I participate?

Foundation participation is open to anyone within the concrete related industries that desires to become engaged in the education of our future leaders. Inquiries may be addressed to Dr. Earl Ingram at earl@irmtx.com