

# *Ricardo (Ricky) Arredondo Jr.*

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**Ricky is a Fresno State alumni who graduated Spring 2018. He received a major in Construction Management and a minor in Business Administration.**

**Kira Gangbin:** What did you enjoy the most about the Construction Management Program?

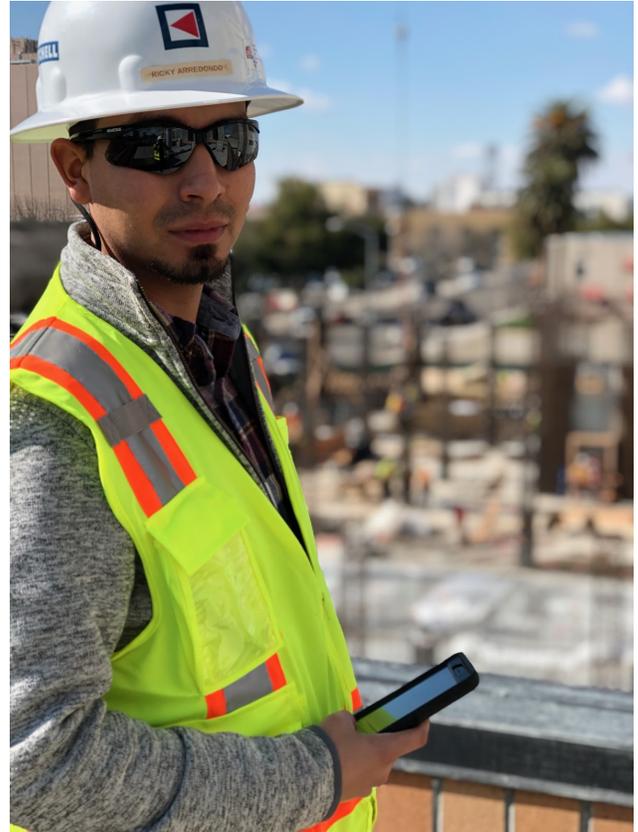
**Ricky Arredondo:** The thing I enjoyed the most about the CM program was the numerous opportunities to network within the construction industry while completing the degree (such as ASC competitions, student clubs, company presentations, site visits, etc.).

**Kira:** What experiences, knowledge, or skills have you learned/been able to apply in professional work setting coming from this department?

**Ricky:** From RFI and submittal processes, project delivery methods, quantity take-offs, BIM, or just learning how to read and navigate through plans, there is very little that I have learned from the CM courses that I haven't applied in my career thus far.

**Kira:** What advice would you give to your freshman self?

**Ricky:** I would tell any freshman students to step out of their comfort zone as soon as possible. Get involved in as much as you can handle. Join clubs, join a Reno team, and interview with every company that comes to campus. You will be surprised by the amount of industry professionals that remember your name at the end of your college career if you get involved early. By your senior year, companies will be fighting over you; and that's how it should be!



**Kira:** Who was your favorite professor?

**Ricky:** I honestly liked all of my professors. Hyatt, Crask, Vivien, Wu, Doug, Yost, Leath, and even though she is not a professor, I have to mention Robin.

**Kira:** What was your job title when first starting your Construction Management career?

**Ricky:** I started as and I am currently a Project Engineer I.

**Kira:** How have you seen Construction Management grow? Where do you think it will be in the next 10 years?

**Ricky:** The construction industry is great right now. There are so many opportunities all over the world doing tons of different things. I think in 10 years the industry will still be booming and technology will completely take over. Paper drawings might be a thing of the past!

**Kira:** What is your favorite part of the job?

**Ricky:** My favorite part of the job is being able to get out of the office regularly. I would hate to be stuck behind a desk all day.

**Kira:** As you are a father with a family, how do you manage your work-life balance?

**Ricky:** I am married with a daughter and another baby due in November. My current employer has been amazing when it comes to work life balance. If work life balance is a priority to you, you just have to find a company that shares your values. There is a company out there for everyone.