

# Jose Campos

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Jose is an alumnus of Fresno State who graduated in December 2018. He received a Bachelor's in Construction Management and a minor in General Business. He is currently working with Quiring General, LLC as a Field Engineer. He has been hard at work with Quiring General, LLC for 9 months so far.

**Kira Gangbin:** What have you enjoyed the most about the Construction Management program?

**Jose Campos:** I enjoyed the continuous involvement the department offers. Whether being involved in clubs, volunteering, company presentations, interviews, or the ASC Reno competitions. The Construction Management Department offers various opportunities to stay involved, which allows students to have countless networking opportunities.

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

**Jose:** I obtained a general understanding of scheduling, estimating, RFI's, submittals, and using construction software such as Bluebeam, Revit, Procore, and Microsoft Projects. I also learned how to understand construction documents and read drawings.

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

**Jose:** All the professors in the Construction Management Department are amazing. Each of the professors bring a certain expertise through their prior experience. Taking that into consideration, I would say each of them are equally my favorite professors. They taught me many things through my college career. Lastly, Robin, who is not a professor, but is an integral part of the CM Department. Robin is great, I really enjoyed stopping by the Construction office to chat.



**Kira:** Did you do an internship? If so, where? Also, what advice do you have regarding internships?

**Jose:** I had three separate internships throughout my college career. My first internship was with Webcor at the UC Merced 2020 expansion project. I was a part of the first phase of the project, assisting the team as they constructed a Dining Hall Building. Following my first internship, I interned with W.M. Lyles Co., assisting the team on a surface water treatment facility in Southeast Fresno. My final internship was with Webcor Concrete, a division that specialized in concrete at Webcor. Again at the UC Merced 2020 expansion project. I assisted the team on the second phase working on a Computational Science Building. All my internships allowed me to gain valuable construction experience prior to graduation. The internships exposed me to different aspects of construction and allowed me to focus on what career path I wanted to pursue.

**Kira:** Have you pursued a Master's degree, or plan to?

**Jose:** I plan to pursue my master's in the near future. I am really excited that the Fresno State CM department is working to offer a Master's program.

**Kira:** Do you have any friends or family attending the Lyles College of Engineering, or in the Construction Management Department?

**Jose:** I have many friends throughout the Lyles College of Engineering.

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

**Jose:** After graduating, I was hired on at Quiring General as a Project/Field Engineer.

**Kira:** Who inspired you to pursue this career and why?

**Jose:** I was inspired by my father Diego to pursue a construction career. My father is a blue-collar worker who has worked on various construction projects holding various positions. As a kid, he would take me to projects he built. I was completely fascinated. As I grew older, I would help him on side jobs and he showed me the ropes of working hard. I became intrigued with constructions and I knew I was going to pursue some sort of construction career.

**Kira:** What did you want to be when you were little? Has it always involved Construction Management?

**Jose:** Growing up I always wanted to be a firefighter. But, after working with my father, I knew I was going to be involved in construction.

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

**Jose:** I think the industry will be ever growing as technology advances. I am really excited for the technology the industry will utilize in the near future.

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

**Jose:** My favorite part of the job is knowing through daily activities, I am helping the team accomplish shared goals of completing successful projects that clients benefit from.

**Kira:** Is there anything about your Fresno State experience that makes you stand out?

**Jose:** I believe my senior capstone project made us stand out as a team. A team of four, including myself, with the help of Professor Yupeng (Vivien) Luo and Architect Arthur Dyson, designed and constructed a temporary shelter for the Poverello House. Through my internship with Webcor Concrete, I inquired with Webcor about providing funding for the project. At the time, the project was not funded. Webcor agreed to fund the materials for the project! Without this generosity and donations from other companies, there is a big possibility that the project was going to stay in 2D/3D design phase. This project was a great example of unique projects the CM Department allows students to be a part of. Through collaboration with Professor Vivien, Arthur, and the team, we successfully constructed and donated the Shelter. Today the shelter is in use at the Poverello House in downtown Fresno.