

Supporting construction education at ASU

In today's difficult business climate, it is more important than ever to support the continued vibrancy of the heavy construction industry by attracting the best and brightest students and supporting them in their career path.

The Beavers Charitable Trust and the Ames family have chosen Arizona State University to establish a Heavy Construction Chair endowment in support of the heavy construction curriculum. This tenured/tenure-track faculty member will hold a doctorate and/or have significant field experience focused on contracting and heavy civil construction. The Beavers-Ames Heavy Construction Chair will dedicate a significant portion of their time toward undergraduate teaching in construction management and engineering. The holder of this chair will take a leading role in implementing the new bachelor of science in construction engineering program at ASU.

"This is an opportunity to make sure that we will have a steady, reliable supply of young professionals entering into the heavy civil part of our industry. Your help in making this happen is important—and appreciated." —Wink Ames

Join us in making this vision a reality.

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Ensuring the Future of the Built Environment

At ASU, our mission is to become a world-class center for construction education, research and technology transfer; to study innovative technologies for implementation in the construction industry; and to promote industry partnerships.

school of sustainable engineering and the built environment at a glance

enrollment

total	1172
undergraduate	938
graduate	234

faculty

tenured/tenure-track	33
full-time lecturers	5

research expenditures (FY 2010)

\$7,166,505

degree programs

construction management

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civil, environmental and sustainable engineering
construction engineering

We continue to pursue a diverse student body.

We successfully launched the Advancing Women in Construction (AWIC) mentorship program in 2008 and this fall the American Minority Contractors Association (AMCA) mentorship program begins with eight Latino first time freshmen. In addition, the Construction in Indian Country (CIIC) endowment continues to be a successful model to encourage American Indian students to pursue our construction management degree.

The Beavers-Ames Heavy Construction Chair

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honoring a commitment to construction

The Beavers Charitable Trust and the Ames Family

About the trust

The Beavers Charitable Trust is a non-profit organization established in 1977 by the Board of Directors of the Beavers Inc. All proceeds from the Trust are distributed to promote education and assist students pursuing careers in the heavy construction industry.

The Beavers-Ames Heavy Construction Chair in honor of Bill Ames and Wink Ames was established by Trustees of the Beavers Charitable Trust in recognition of the Ames family's generations of support and advocacy of the construction industry in California and Arizona.

The Ames family is well-known in the industry, and both W. F. "Bill" Ames and Wink Ames have been long-time advocates of the construction industry and education.



Bill Ames

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Wink's father, Bill Ames, founded the insurance partnership of Miller, Day & Ames in 1940. In the decades that followed, his wise expertise would play an integral role in many of the large infrastructure construction projects that still play a part in our lives today: the Central Arizona Project, the Delta Mendota Canal, BART and much of the vast interstate highway program in California and a great many dams, tunnels and bridges in the Midwest and East.

Ames stayed active in the construction industry throughout his life. He was a partner of Corroon & Black/Miller & Ames, and a specialist in surety bonds and insurance for the construction industry throughout the West. He was a member of the National Association of Surety Bond Producers, trustee for various union welfare funds and director of the Northern and Central Chapter of Associated General Contractors in California. He was awarded the Golden Beaver Award for Service-Supply in 1974.

Wink Ames

Wink has taught a graduate course and undergraduate classes for over 30 years. He served in a leadership role within the Industry Advisory Council for 20 years as well as serving as the first chair of the recruitment and recognition committee. In that role, he launched the inaugural construction recognition banquet and this year, the banquet will be celebrating its twenty-second anniversary.

In addition to countless volunteer hours, Wink and his children endowed a \$330,000 scholarship to help recruit African American students into the construction program at ASU. Since its inception in 1998, the scholarship has helped many promising students.

Wink served as the treasurer of the Associated General Contractors Arizona Chapter for 10 years and he serves as a Life Director on the Board of Directors of the Arizona Builder's Alliance. He is a member of the National Association of Surety Bond Producers and served on the Board of Directors of the Valley of the Sun Chapter of the Construction Financial Management Association.

In fall 2007, ASU honored Wink with its annual Alumni Appreciation award. Wink has also been awarded the designations Associate in Risk Management (ARM) and Associate in Fidelity and Surety Bonding (AFSB); he is a Certified Construction Industry Financial Professional (CCIFP).



Investing in Construction Education

Endowed with over \$1 million from the Beavers Charitable Trust, the Ames family and friends of the family, the Chair in Heavy Construction will enable ASU to attract and retain the highest-caliber faculty and engage top-tier students.

Our goal is to raise an additional \$500,000 for this Chair, an investment in continued excellence in construction education—and an investment in our future.