



From the President:  
What's Ahead for SAC



Louay Ghaziri's  
Grad Student Journey



2017 CMAA SAC  
Golf Tournament



PCM Training  
in Atlanta

## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

As we all know Owners are challenged with a range of project delivery options, each of which encompasses costs and benefits matched against the needs of the owner and the specific project scope and schedule. Ultimately the value of the various project delivery methods must meet the owner's objectives.

CMAA was formed in 1982 with the mission of promoting the profession of Construction Management and the use of qualified Construction Managers on capital projects and programs. CMAA is a non-profit and non-governmental, professional association serving the construction management industry. At this time there are 29 regional chapters throughout the United States. CMAA's goal is to help the Construction Management profession further develop its own unique identity within the Architecture, Engineering, and Construction industry. Currently there are more than 16,000 memberships and includes individual CM/PM practitioners, Architects, Engineering Consultants, and construction owners in both the public and private sectors, along with academic and associate members.

The South Atlantic Chapter was founded in 1992 and currently has approximately 600 members. Our website is [www.cmaasac.org](http://www.cmaasac.org) where you will find more information about upcoming events including Breakfast Meetings, Owners' Socials, and a variety of Lunch & Learn Sessions as well as Special Events. There is also information on Sponsorship Opportunities for each of these events including how to become a Chapter Sponsor.

CMAA's goal has been to create a set of standards for managing capital construction projects and to provide educational opportunities to help member firms be more successful.

With a projected workforce shortage in the construction and design industry, CMAA-SAC is working hard to encourage students to think about careers in the A/E/C industry. This is being done not only through participation at events such as Construction Education Foundation of Georgia (CEFGA) SkillsUSA Event and our Student Chapters, but this year we are working to establish a 501 (c) 3 Scholarship Foundation. We hope to help build enthusiasm in the various disciplines available in the construction industry, as well as provide an avenue to help fund their goal of a degree in these programs.



Henry Gomez  
Cobb County School District

*Thank you,*

**Henry Gomez**

President - CMAA South Atlantic Chapter

### BREAKFAST MEETINGS

date	topic
10.18.16	The Project Debrief: An Opportunity for a Collaborative Reflection
12.13.16	Hollywood South: A Film Industry Introspective
01.17.17	Regional Economic Outlook
02.21.17	The Principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
03.21.17	Emerging Legal Issues in the Built Environment
04.18.17	Georgia Tech Student Chapter Joint Meeting Millennials in the AEC Industry

Interested in being a presenter for the Lunch & Learn events? Contact Don Green, at [dgreen@heery.com](mailto:dgreen@heery.com), or 404-946-2459.

### LUNCH & LEARN

date	topic
09.28.16	Silica Exposure
10.12.16	The Role of Delay Expert on Construction Project
11.09.16	Total Precast Concrete K-12 School Case
11.30.16	12 Steps to Great Relationships
01.11.17	Seismic Requirements for Non-Structural Components
01.25.17	Construction Management of Geotechnical Design & Specialty Contracting
02.08.17	3D Laser Scanning: Mapping at the Speed of Light
02.22.17	Energy Efficient Retrofit Case Studies
03.22.17	The Basics of Insurance in Construction: Performance Security Instruments
AVAILABLE DATES	
03.08.17	05.10.17
04.12.17	05.24.17
04.26.17	

### SPECIAL EVENTS

date	topic
09.13.16	Industry Event AEC Industry MEGA Meeting
10.09.16-10.11.16	CMAA National Conference & Tradeshow
11.15.16	Owners' Social
02.07.16	Owners' Social
03.23.17-03.24.17	Industry Event CEFGA CareerExpo & Skills USA Competition
04.02.17-04.04.17	CMAA Capital Projects Symposium
04.04.17	Owners' Social
05.08.17	Annual Golf Tournament
05.10.17-05.12.17	PCM Course Atlanta, GA
June 2017	Project Achievement Awards & Annual Gala

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# LOUAY GHAZIRI'S GRADUATE STUDENT JOURNEY

Louay Ghaziri is earning a Master of Science in Building Construction/Facility Management with a focus in Program Management. Ghaziri recently accepted a position with DPR in New Jersey. Here he discusses the path that led him to the School of Building Construction and the milestones in his graduate journey.

*This is Ghaziri's story, in his own words:* My first degree was completed in Lebanon, in Architecture. I was seeking a way to move to the construction side. While searching for graduate programs, I found this unique program at Georgia Tech, in the School of Building Construction, with a focus on Program Management. I thought this would be a good fit, and would help me get to the Construction and Development side of the industry. I also knew the ranking of Georgia Tech, and that it was a great school.

Several things stood out to me during my graduate study. The academics/courses were the right fit. But what really stood out to me were the other aspects of graduate life at Georgia Tech—the faculty interaction, the life here, and the amount of opportunities. I was able to develop great relationships with the faculty in the School of Building Construction, they were always accessible.

Ghaziri's Thesis Advisor, and Niles Bolton Professor of the Practice, Ennis Parker, said this about Ghaziri,

*"Louay Ghaziri is one of those young people who come along rarely and who reinforce your confidence in the future. His attributes are numerous but it is their combination that is formidable. One feels certain that Louay, with a little luck, is going to have a major positive influence in this world and we will all be proud to remind folks that he is a Georgia Tech alum."*

Ghaziri Continues: The life here at Tech, it changes the way you build yourself as a person. I was able to grow and develop leadership skills. I was honored to be elected President of the Student Construction Association (SCA), I had the freedom to organize programming and grow my leadership potential.

The amount of opportunities you get here is a real eye opener. I jumped in to everything. My attitude was to try it all and see what happens. I attended everything I could—it was fun. Every student has these opportunities, but you have to ask how much you are willing to take advantage of these unique opportunities. You learn from every situation.

My Study Abroad experience in England also stood out as an interesting student experience. I got a chance to experience yet another culture and get exposed to additional building related technologies.

Through these experiences I was able to network and engage with many potential employers. I had four job offers and accepted the one with DPR that seems the best fit for potential growth and professional culture.

I advise future graduate students to get involved, make use of the resources the School of Building Construction offers. Take advantage of all opportunities offered to students. The graduate program is more than books and classes. I also advise that students invest in themselves, build a profile and make connections. Don't stress so much about the job search, use your first two semesters to learn and develop, then focus on the career search.

Get to know your professors and the staff. Learn from them.

I've never seen a school so involved and engaged with the community. Enjoy the graduate journey and make the most of all opportunities.

*\*reprinted from GT School of Building Construction*

# CMAA SAC ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



*Berkeley Hills Country Club*  
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The CMAA South Atlantic Chapter is pleased to announce that registration for this year's **Birdies Burgers Beers Golf Tournament** is officially open! Please join us for what promises to be a great day of golf and industry networking. There are also plenty of sponsorship opportunities available if your company is interested in further supporting CMAA-SAC and the CMAA-SAC Scholarship Foundation. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Stephanie Davis, Terracon Consultants, Inc. at stephanie.davis@terracon.com or 678-508-2625. Hope to see you at beautiful Berkeley Hills Country Club on Monday, May 8th!

**PCM COURSE - ATLANTA, GA**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10TH | 9:00 AM -**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 12th | 5:00 PM**  
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**FEB 21, 2017 | 7:00 - 9:00 AM**

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