I am happy to announce that we have surpassed our projected enrollment with 72 students and currently second in enrollment among the four CIM universities. We had four graduates walk in the May graduation ceremony and all are employed full-time. We are still maintaining 100% job placement. CIM continues to receive many job and internship offers from our Patrons throughout the year because of the quality of our students.

Seven CIM senior students presented their concrete industry posters at the prestigious NJIT Dana Knox Award exhibit in April. The Northeast Patrons Spring Meeting which was held on May 2 was attended by more than 45 Patrons (9 of them were CIM graduates). The meeting was followed by coop presentations from some of our students who presented their experience during their spring internships. Five CIM students were recognized by the Education Opportunity Program (EOP) at NJIT for their excellent scholastics.

During this summer, several CIM students have secured internships and some are involved in research. Finally, I have promoted CIM in an international conference in Mexico City, Mexico at the end of May. I have also talked about CIM at NJDOT and was asked for CIM student participation in their future conferences/workshops. I have also participated in the Texas state University accreditation visit and CIM National Steering Committee meeting.

I am excited with the growth of the NJIT CIM program in enrollment, Patron involvement, job opportunities, student involvement, and much more. However, success increases parallel to challenges. Thankfully those new challenges are welcomed with new opportunities as we proceed to manage the programs operations.

As we continue to promote the program and expand our reach we also strive to synchronously serve our current students to the best of our abilities. The importance of retention is magnified with the increase in graduates as well as unforeseeable losses in enrollment due to various factors. Enrollment continues to be sourced primarily from internal transfers. Industry people are also becoming more aware about CIM and are increasingly inquiring information. A new program, Academic Advising Success Center, has been developed at NJIT. Our goal is to take advantage of this opportunity to further establish CIM as a viable choice for undecided students as well as those not keen on traditional engineering programs. We will continue to move forward with much anticipation and optimism.
It's been over 7 years since a group of Northeast CIM Patrons led by Larry Silvi of Silvi Concrete walked onto NJIT's campus to talk about a little known program called the “Concrete Industry Management” degree or as it is recognized by the industry and Students at NJIT “CIM”.

The early days of the program were tough and many in the industry and I am sure those on campus thought it might not make it. In fact many discussions and meetings took place to discuss disbanding the program. Just as things looked lost something happened. A leader arose and re-energized the program. That leader was Dr. Mohamed Mahgoub.

And so the little program that couldn’t become the envy of the other programs. From its humble beginnings it has grown from a mere 6 students to over 70 students and the program that was once fledgling has risen from the ashes. This is what happens when you have solid leadership and someone who believes in the core mission of the program. While the economy has struggled in the last five years and industry employment is down, the demand for these highly educated and trained students has increased. This can’t be said for other graduates who are in other programs.

In a study titled “The Class of 2013” they found the following:

For young college graduates, the unemployment rate is 8.8 percent (compared with 5.7 percent in 2007) and the underemployment rate is 18.3 percent (compared with 9.9 percent in 2007).

In the CIM program at NJIT we have 100% employment. That is a number that is consistent across the country at other CIM schools. When you look at a Georgetown study recently conducted titled “Hard Times”. Even Majors that have traditionally low unemployment rates still experience unemployment and underemployment. Take Nursing for example, in the same study they found 4.8%, elementary education 5% and Finance 5.9% unemployment for these majors. While there are a whole host of issues that lead to this and a lot more people majoring in these fields, it is undeniable that the “CIM” program leads to employment.

So picking the “CIM” program in college is not a scarlet letter it is a steady pay check in something that you studied in college. It is an opportunity to be part of an industry that even though it’s far from recovery it invests their money in the future- it’s “CIM” graduates.
Special Events

NJIT Dana Knox Award Poster Presentations
Newark, NJ
April 17, 2013

NJIT CIM Graduation Ceremony
Newark, NJ
May 20, 2013

NJ ACI Golf Outing
Edison, NJ
June 6, 2013

Tekla Building Information Modeling Training Session
Newark, NJ
April 19, 2013

50th Annual NJ Concrete Awards Dinner.
North Brunswick, NJ
May 9, 2013

CIM Alumni Dinner
Newark, NJ
June 20, 2013

ICRI Dinner Meeting
NYC
April 3, 2013

ICRI Dinner Meeting
NYC
June 19, 2013

Beyond Concrete Sales & Marketing Boot Camp
Keyport, NJ
May 21-24, 2013
Industry Guest Speakers

Ruttura & Son’s Contractors
April 1, 2013
Tommy Ruttura

NYCON
April 22, 2013
Christian Riscate, Barry Fleck

Titan America
April 3, 2013
Tom Cerullo, Brooke Miles, Sherif Girgis

NYCON Supply Corp.

Weldon Materials
April 24, 2013
Ricardo Arrocha, Mark Bishop

Industry Socials

NYCON
April 3, 2013
Christian Riscate, Barry Fleck

Tristate Concrete Pipe
Association
April 12, 2013
Patrik Kinsella

Interested in establishing a field trip, social, or becoming a guest speaker for CIM students??
Please contact: Mahgoub@njit.edu or Orama@njit.edu
May 2, 2013

The CIM Northeast Patrons group hosted the spring 2013 Bi-Annual Northeast Patrons meeting at the NJIT campus. We are proud to announce that the attendance was the highest ever with nearly 45 Patrons including CIM Alumni, 10 NJIT Faculty and Staff, and 15 Senior CIM students. This year’s first patrons meeting attendance included our distinguished CIM Local Patrons, CIM graduates and students, NJIT Administration, and special guests.

We give special thanks to Jamie Gentoso, Chairperson of the NE Patrons for managing this grand event and coordinating the speakers. Larry Silvi, President of the Silvi Group Companies, presented the successful Wine Tasting Dinner event and also honored the CIM program on behalf of the NE local Patrons with a check for 50 thousand dollars matching their commitment with the CIM National Steering Committee. Also in attendance from the NE Patrons Board of Directors members was Mr. Bill Layton, Executive Director of New Jersey Concrete and Aggregate Association, and Mike Gentoso, Vice President, Atlantic Region of Eastern Concrete Materials.

Joining us in behalf of CIM National Steering Committee was Mr. Michael Schneider, Past Chairman of CIM NSC and VP, CPO of Baker Concrete. Mike spoke about the CIM NSC updates and also took the initiative to infuse best safety practices among our Patrons and students. We also had a senior CIM student, Robert Goncalves, and CIM Alumni, Gyasi Smith, present. Many Patrons were in the market for summer internships and full-time jobs. We thank them greatly for their continued support for the program. Our students take full advantage of the opportunities and some already have interview appointments.

The success of the CIM program could not have been possible without the support of the NJIT administration. We were honored to have with us Dr. Basil Baltzis, Interim Dean of the Newark College of Engineering, Dr. Ronald Rockland, Chairman of Engineering Technology, Vincent Lombardo, Development Director for NJIT, Tony Howell, Executive Director EOP, and Maria Oquendo, Assistant Director for Counseling Services Juniors for EOP. Dr. Baltzis took the time to attend the meeting and also give a few words about NCE’s commitment to the continued success of the CIM program.

We would like to give special thanks to Edna Randolph, Assistant to Chair of Engineering Technology, and Marcia Eddings, Administrative Assistant of Engineering Technology for coordinating the event preparations and food catering. Once again we thank everyone that made this extraordinary event possible and we look forward to seeing each and every one of you including many more in our next Patrons meeting. Please find more photos in the link below:

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CIM Travels

American Concrete Association Student Competition
Minneapolis, MN
April 14-17, 2013

The ACI spring convention was another great opportunity to participate in the student FRP concrete beam competition and technical sessions. Dr. Mahgoub was also involved in the ACI 555 committee in which he chairs. The students gained much knowledge and skills in this experience and took advantage of networking opportunities as well.

Cementech Volumetric Mixer Training
Indianola, IA
April 17-18, 2013

Cementech volumetric mixer company extended an invaluable experience to the NJIT CIM program to attend an in-depth training to operate and calibrate volumetric mixers. Anlee Orama and CIM adjunct professor, David Hawes, both attended and became certified. Cementech provided full accommodations and excellent hospitality. We are grateful for the opportunity too further enhance our knowledge of the concrete industry.

CIM Program Collaboration
MTSU
Murfreesboro, TN
May 22, 2013

Dr. Mahgoub visited MTSU to meet with Dr. Heather Brown to discuss CIM program issues. We are striving to provide the most relevant academic and professional education for our students. Our goal is to continually enhance our courses to reflect a complete experience and better prepare our students to enter the concrete industry.

Mexican Cement & Concrete Institute
Mexico City, Mexico
May 28-30, 2013

CIM has officially crossed the southern border! Dr. Mahgoub was invited to speak about the CIM program as well as present recycled concrete applications in an international cement and concrete forum. Now we are in the works to add Spanish to Dr. Mahgoub's vocabulary.

2013 Mid-Atlantic Concrete Construction and Aggregate Forum
Atlantic City, NJ
April 25, 2013

The NJCAA extended an opportunity for NJIT to represent the CIM program as an exhibitor at the forum. Anlee Orama, CIM Specialist, also gave a presentation about CIM. We thank Bill Layton, NCAA Executive Director, and Katie Gibbs, Events Coordinator, for their excellent hospitality.

CIM Accreditation Visit & NSC Meeting
TSU
San Marcos, TX
May 28-30, 2013

The CIM NSC meeting was held in TSU. In addition, TSU CIM program led by Dr. Vedaraman Sriraman underwent an accreditation review by the CIM NSC. Dr. Mahgoub visited to attend the meeting and participate in the accreditation process.
About Newark College of Engineering
The Newark College of Engineering is one of the oldest and largest professional engineering schools in the United States. NCE offers 13 undergraduate degree programs, 16 master’s and 10 doctoral degree programs. Undergraduate enrollment is more than 2,500, and more than 1,100 students enrolled in graduate studies. The 150-member faculty includes engineers and scholars who are widely recognized in their fields.

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2012 Calendar of Upcoming Events

July 1-2, 2013
American Schools Counselors Association
Philadelphia, PA

August 15, 2013
ICRI Dinner Meeting
NYC

September, 2013
ICRI Golf Outing

September 21-24, 2013
PCI Conference
Grapevine, TX

September 22-24, 2013
NRMCA ConcreteWorks
Las Vegas, NV

October, 2013
Industry Social
NJIT

October 20-24, 2013
ACI Fall Convention
Phoenix, AZ

November 13-15, 2013
ICRI Fall Convention
Chicago, IL

TBD
NJACI Dinner Meeting

TBD
Industry Guest Speakers, Socials, Field Visits

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All CIM events are publicly available to be viewed on the NJIT CIM Flickr website. Upon entering the Flickr page you will have access to the photo stream of the most recent uploads as well as being able to open specific CIM events categorized in sets. Photographs and video recordings are continually uploaded. Click on the link below for immediate access to the NJIT CIM Flickr page:

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Every year, Brian Gallagher, CIM Marketing Committee Chairman, along with Amy Numbers, Vice President of Operations & ROI for Constructive Communication, Inc, make a great effort producing the CIM Annual Report.

"The CIM Annual Report is a summary of all of the great efforts, achievements and accomplishments of each CIM institution, faculty, staff, Patrons, and National Steering Committee," said Gallagher. "Every year I am more impressed by what is accomplished by the CIM program."

Please visit the link below to learn about the CIM program in a National level!