



“My vision for the CIM Program is to continually add youth, knowledge and education throughout the concrete industry, which will continue to benefit our industry by leaps and bounds for many years to come.”

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### **What is your involvement in the CIM program? Why did you get involved with the program?**

I was one of the first two students to declare CIM as my major back in 1996, so I have had a passion for this program since graduating. As one of the first CIM graduates in 2000, I have seen the program grow into an unbelievable success. I've been involved with the CIM Patrons since the beginning and led the CIM Patrons as President in 2006 and 2007. The CIM program has benefited my career more than I ever could have imagined, and I will continue to give back and be grateful.

### **What are your thoughts about the industry/academic partnership between CIM and its industry partners and patrons?**

One of the most unique aspects of the CIM program is the open interaction and communication between industry and academia. Groups such as NRMCA, ACI and AGC, along with many others, have provided networking opportunities that one would not get with most educational experiences on the college level.

### **Why should other companies in the concrete industry get involved in the CIM program?**

The CIM program provides the industry with young and knowledgeable professionals who are eager and willing to push the concrete industry into the future. This is something our industry has needed for decades, and it will benefit any organization involved for the foreseeable future.

### **How can they get involved?**

Companies can get involved by contacting any of the five CIM institutions throughout the United States, or by contacting the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA) at [www.nrmca.org](http://www.nrmca.org).

### **How do you think the CIM program will benefit the concrete industry?**

Youth, knowledge and education developed and groomed for our industry will continually benefit concrete construction and all companies involved. This also provides a pool of talent that our industry has needed for many decades.