

Successful Fundraising Kick-Off Event

The ACI Foundation hosted its first exclusive event, kicking off its new era of fundraising at The ACI Concrete Convention and Exposition in Las Vegas, NV, on October 14, 2018. Attendees learned more about the Foundation and celebrated the achievements its supporters made possible, while having cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. We would like to thank all the ACI members and business affiliates who attended and made the event a great success! Our supporters are vital to the success of the ACI Foundation, so we hope to keep you engaged and excited during this turning point of the Foundation.

A short program during the event highlighted the importance of research and new technology, engaging students, and giving back to the industry.

Anahid Behrouzi, Assistant Professor, Department of Architectural Engineering, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and former Fellowship Awardee, told the audience that it was the ACI Foundation's support to attend ACI conventions that truly allowed her to get involved with ACI committees, including ACI Committee S805, Collegiate Concrete Council, which comprises ACI Fellowship recipients who serve in a leadership position on the Committee during their award year. "We pick the very best of the best," said Behrouzi. "My goal is to continue to inspire young minds," she added.

Jason Ideker, Associate Professor at Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR, shared how funding from the ACI Foundation makes a direct impact. Ideker and collaborators investigated how to best unify guidance on durability and exposure category descriptions in ACI documents. Discrepancies among ACI documents led to confusion among concrete design and construction professionals. Ideker noted, "The ACI

With your help, cumulatively, the ACI Foundation has:

- Awarded \$1.2 million to students in concrete-related studies;
- Leveraged \$12 million for research; and
- Facilitated nearly \$3 million in new technology implementation.



Jeff Coleman, ACI Vice President and ACI Foundation Development Committee Chair, highlighting achievements of the ACI Foundation



Jason Ideker discussing the impact of research funding



Anahid Behrouzi sharing her experience as a two-time ACI Foundation Fellowship recipient



ACI President David A. Lange welcoming an attendee to the celebratory event



ACI Foundation Trustees Michael Schneider, Chair, (left) and Michael Paul (right) with Ann Daugherty, ACI Foundation Executive Director, receiving a donation check

Since the Fellowship Program was started:

- Over 120 students have received a scholarship or fellowship;
- 85% of those awardees are still in the concrete industry; and
- Half of those awardees are current ACI members.

Foundation research funds will allow application of our analyses and evaluation for recommendations to ACI committees to link field performance and lab testing to standards development and performance specifications."

Jeff Coleman, ACI Vice President and ACI Foundation Development Committee Chair, reported strong donor support from ACI's Executive Committee; everyone has made a major donation to jumpstart the ACI Foundation's progress and impact in the industry. Plus, 100% of the ACI Foundation Trustees have given a contribution to the Foundation. In addition, a new volunteer-based development committee was established to boost new fundraising initiatives forward. "Our dream, my dream, is to have an endowed fund to award scholarships and research funding," said Coleman.

As the ACI Foundation embarks on its new era, please consider donating to this notable nonprofit that supports all facets of concrete application to the built world. To get involved and donate, contact Jennifer DeWall, Development Director, at jennifer.dewall@acifoundation.org or +1.248.848.3757. Visit www.acifoundation.org for more information.

In 2018 alone, our donors helped us to award:

- \$155,000 in fellowships and scholarships;
- \$375,000 for research; and
- \$150,000 on implementing new technology.



Michelle Wilson and April Snyder networking



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