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**The Roofing Alliance Announces the 2021-22 Construction Management Student Competition Participants**

*Seven schools are vying for five final positions to compete at the 2022 International Roofing Expo® on February 2, 2022.*

(Rosemont, IL) October 28, 2021 — The Roofing Alliance, celebrating 25 years as the foundation of the National Roofing Contractors Association (NRCA), proudly announces the seven schools that will be participating in the 2021-22 Construction Management Student Competition. A maximum of five finalist teams will be announced in early January, 2022. These finalist teams will complete the final leg of the competition which is the oral presentations scheduled for Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at the 2022 International Roofing Expo® (IRE) in New Orleans.

The schools who will be participating in this eighth annual event are:

- Bradley University, Peoria, Ill.; Adriana Diaz, Adam Sienkiewicz (team captain), Nicholas Williams, Victoria Urbanczyk; Faculty advisor is Dr. Souhail Elhour. Team mentor is Doug Duncan, Nations Roof, Villa Park, Ill.
- California Polytechnic University; Chance Giessinger (alternate), Nathan Horst (team co-captain), Claire Peters, Nick Reeves, Steven Zheng (team co-captain); Faculty advisor is Dr. Jeong Woo; Team mentor is Rudy Gutierrez, Shell Roofing Solutions, Chino, Calif.
- Clemson University, Clemson, S.C.; Jackson Davis, Declan Fay (alternate), James Goodwin (team captain), Tristan Moseley, Allie Stark; Faculty advisor is Dr. Dhaval Gajjar. Team mentor is Will Fort, Bone Dry Roofing, North Charleston, S.C.
- Colorado State University, Department of Construction Management, Fort Collins, Colo.; Kendall Carter (team captain), Dylan Smithwick, Mackenzie Voshage, Jack Wathen; Faculty advisor is Nick Rubino. Team mentor is Kent Nelson, Front Range Roofing Systems LLC, Greeley, Colo.
- Minnesota State University - Mankato, Department of Construction Management, Mankato, Minn.; Zach Ayers, Andrew McGinnis, Kyle Mickelsen (team captain), Brianna Peterson (alternate), Brock Reese; Faculty advisor is Brian Wasserman. Team Mentor is David Endres, Schwickert's Tecta America of Mankato LLC, Mankato, Minn.
- Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas; Blake Bocchino, Kyle Cahill, Kyler Hardison (team captain), Canyon Martine, Alexia Palomares (alternate); Faculty advisor is Larry McGinn. Team Mentor is Mark Standifer, King of Texas Roofing Company, LP, Grand Prairie, Texas.
- University of Florida, M.E. Rinker, SR. School of Building Construction, Gainesville, Fla.; Ryan Freeman, Ansley Spofford (team captain), Avery Tyndall, John Zielinski; Faculty advisor is Jim Sullivan. Team Mentor is Rob Springer of Springer-Peterson Roofing + Sheet Metal Inc., Eaton Park, Fla.

The Roofing Alliance construction management student competition is designed to test the students on their roofing knowledge, project management capabilities and presentation skills. This year, the teams are tasked with submitting a qualified bid package for a reroofing roof system on the Four Points Sheraton Hotel on Bourbon Street in New Orleans. The teams must research the project, review the plans and specifications, and assemble a full estimate and proposal to submit a qualified bid package.

The teams will submit their proposal packages by November 19, 2021 to be reviewed by industry judges. A maximum of five finalist teams will be selected to travel to the International Roofing Expo® in New Orleans, where they will present their proposals as if they were presenting to the general contractor for the project on Wednesday, February 2, 2022. Finalist teams will be announced in early January, 2022.

To learn more about the Roofing Alliance Construction Management Student Competition and how to attend, visit [www.roofingalliance.net](http://www.roofingalliance.net) or contact Bennett Judson, the Roofing Alliance's executive director, at [bjudson@roofingalliance.net](mailto:bjudson@roofingalliance.net).

### **About the Roofing Alliance**

The Roofing Alliance is committed to shaping the industry's future by funding education, research, scholarships and philanthropic initiatives, all for the purpose of securing the industry's future excellence. Composed of 177 members representing extraordinary leaders from the contracting, manufacturing, distribution and service provider communities, the Roofing Alliance has committed \$14 million to enhance the performance and long-term viability of the industry and allocated more than \$5.8 million to fund 51 research, education, technical and philanthropic programs and projects. Serving as the foundation of the National Roofing Contractors Association (NRCA), Roofing Alliance members are focused on giving back and supporting high-quality educational programs and ensuring timely and forward-thinking industry responses to major economic and technological issues. For more information about Roofing Alliance initiatives, visit [www.roofingalliance.net](http://www.roofingalliance.net).

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