Civil/Construction Student Ana Rapalo-Padilla Participates in ASCE’s 2017 Construction Institute Student Days

Ana Rapalo-Padilla, senior in Civil Engineering/Construction represented the University of Arizona at the American Society of Civil Engineer’s (ASCE) 2017 Construction Institute Student Days. ASCE covered all expenses to this event held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, from July 28 through August 1. Students in construction programs from around the US attended this event. Students were placed on teams that compete on a construction challenge project. Ana and her teammates rose to the challenge and are now the 2017 CI Student Days National Champions!

“It was an incredible experience,” Ana declares, “one that I would highly recommend to all our students.”

“Prof. Papajohn encouraged me to apply to this selective program and I was lucky enough to have been accepted. The construction classes that Prof. Papajohn teaches were extremely valuable to this competition - because in 3 days we put together a cost estimate, schedule, bid proposal and cohesive presentation to a panel of judges and Owners in order to complete our challenge.”

The challenge project requires teams to develop a written and oral real-world construction project proposal that takes all conditions into account, including local laws and regulations, as well as minimized impact to traffic, surrounding residential/commercial areas, and shareholders. The project will involve multiple disciplines, including but not limited to civil, foundations, concrete, and steel erection.” (ASCE)

Ana says, “The networking opportunities at this event were incredible- we met members of industry that extended job offers just for being the dedicated and involved students that we are in ASCE. I would just like to thank all of you for allowing me the opportunity to represent the University of Arizona in this national competition and ultimately for believing in me as a student.”

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And an article from Sundt Connections, visit Sundt intern and team wins national competition