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Chen Employee Birthdays

 September 1 Scarlett Del Valle	 September 7 Derrick Smith, LEED AP®, CFM	 September 12 Greg Mendez, P.E.	 September 21 Daniel Davila, P.E.	 October 2 Claudia Visconti	 October 7 Joseph Hall	 October 13 Adam Nancer
 October 16 Amanda Smith, E.I.	 October 23 Stefan Bortak, CID	 October 29 Melvia Rogers	 November 15 Stephanie Bou-Ghannam	 December 15 Paula Fonseca, P.E.	 December 17 Carlos Morales	 January 14 Max Smith
 January 23 Kathryn Horrigan	 February 2 Alex Abud	 February 5 Safiya Brea, P.E., LEED AP®	 February 10 Dr. Ben Chen, P.E., BCEE	 February 18 Marcus Austin, G.C., LEED AP®	 February 25 Jason Sutton, RLA	

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 September 1 - 15 years Peter Moore, P.E., LEED®	 October 1 - 2 years Todd Nochomson	 October 3 - 3 years Patrick Kaimrajh, E.I.	 November 1 - 4 years Jose Acosta, P.E.	 November 7 - 28 years Dr. Ben Chen, P.E., BCEE	 December 6 - 1 year Michael Wood	 December 8 - 1 year Jose Tamo
 December 8 - 1 year Joseph Hall	 January 2 - 13 years Marcus Austin, LEED® AP	 January 3 - 9 years Joel Brownsey	 January 16 - 9 years Suzanne Dombrowski, P.E.	 January 31 - 2 years Eric Harrison, RLA	 February 14 - 4 years Cris Betancourt, RLA	 February 21 - 3 years Paula Fonseca, P.E.

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A Message from the President

Jennifer Smith P.E.
Named President
of ASCE Broward
County Branch

Congratulations to Jennifer Smith, P.E., Assistant Project Manager, who was installed as President of the ASCE Broward County Branch on September 10 at the officer installation and awards banquet.

The meeting is an annual event where the new ASCE Broward Branch Officers are inducted and ASCE members within Broward County are recognized for excellence in engineering through a variety of awards. The keynote speaker was Broward County Vice Mayor Tim Ryan. President Peter Moore, P.E., LEED AP® and Vice President Jose Acosta, P.E. of CMA both previously held the position of President of the ASCE Broward County Branch.

Clients, Colleagues and Friends of CMA:

Ok, I'll admit it. I'm a crier. Well, I'm not an "at the drop of a hat" crier, but I do get a little choked up during the occasional romantic comedy and who can keep a dry eye during the slow clap scene in the movie Rudy. Heck, it is the holidays and the barrage of family Publix commercials will require a couple of extra boxes of Kleenex. But the reason for my public admission was not a need to show off my somewhat emotional core, but rather the event I was at when I had this epiphany.

I was at the fifth and final session of the 11th Commencement (Fall 2014) for Florida Atlantic University. I had been invited by one of our employees, **Joel Brownsey**, who was graduating with his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering degree. There have been a large number of employees, mostly interns, that have graduated while already working at the Chenpire, and I most certainly have not attended all of the graduations, but this was a special occasion. Joel was the sixth person in the firm that took full advantage of our tuition reimbursement program, earning his second bachelor's degree to further his career with us. It took a great deal of time, effort and sacrifice, but he persevered.

And as immensely proud I was of Joel, it wasn't his walk across the stage that turned the tear ducts on. Rather, it was the overwhelming sense of hope. It was the look in the eyes of so many graduates preparing to take on the world without prejudice and without being jaded. It was punctuated by the academic accolades of two students simultaneously graduating from high school and college and punctuated by a student overcoming the earthquake in Haiti to finish his degree in engineering to bring a better life to those in his home country. It was a legally blind student from Colombia earning a PhD by developing long

distance imaging technology. It was a mother and son gaining their degrees together, her a PhD in geosciences and he a bachelors in engineering after serving in our military.

Applause was laden on the graduates over 50... and 60... and 70. The student athletes, FAU employees and working parents all were given their turns and there was a roar for the graduating veterans. The PhD candidates with titles only a handful in the room could understand added to the profound feeling of accomplishment in the room.

Only some of those that read this newsletter know the difficulties of running a business. Don't get me wrong: I truly love what I do, but there

are many, many external factors that prematurely turn one gray and make one question one's abilities more often than we would ever let on. But it was moments like attending that graduation and the feelings of pride, perseverance, overcoming monumental challenges and overall elation at accomplishment that fill my heart.

I see on the horizon that I will be facing a great deal of adversity, personally and professionally. I will be facing this adversity with a full heart. Only time will tell how publicly this adversity will be dealt with, but to any of those who choose to cause my adversity, please remember that this crier is also a fighter.

Sincerely,



Peter Moore, P.E., LEED® AP
President



2014 Hot Firm List

CMA ranked #98 on the ZweigWhite Hot Firm List. The list recognizes the 100 fastest-growing architecture, engineering, planning and environmental consulting firms in the United States and Canada. These are the firms that have outperformed the economy and competitors to become leaders in their chosen fields.



CE News Best Firms To Work For

CMA has won a CE News Best Firms To Work For Award. Our firm placed 31st in the Multidiscipline category and 99th overall in the Top 100 of all firms. Best Firms To Work For recognizes the top firms leading the way in creating a workplace that inspires, motivates, and rewards employees.



2014 United Way Day of Caring

Peter Moore, P.E., LEED® AP; Jennifer Smith, P.E.; Derrick Smith, LEED® AP, CFM; Paula Fonseca, P.E.; Teresa Mills; and Kathy Horrigan attended the United Way Day of Caring Event on Friday, December 5th 2014. The event was held at Osswald Park in Ft. Lauderdale, where our volunteers were tasked with creating murals in the computer lab, painting a magnetic wall and assisting with landscaping duties.



Meet our new employees!

Employee: Sarah Matin, P.E.

Office: Orlando

Title: Senior Engineer

Ms. Matin’s experience includes roadway design, signing and pavement marking, utility coordination, water resource design and permitting for major reconstruction and widening projects, RRR, milling and resurfacing, pavement design and field studies.



Employee: Greg Mendez, P.E.

Office: Miami

Title: Senior Engineer

Mr. Mendez has more than 15 years of civil engineering experience. His experience includes water, drainage and sewer designs, design reviews, managing designs and construction budgets, managing field inspection staff and managing client relations.



Employee: Alex Abud

Office: Ft. Lauderdale

Title: Senior Designer

Mr. Abud has has seven years of professional experience in piping designs and process piping materials and fittings required. Mr. Abud has knowledge of 3D modeling using Solidworks, AutoCAD, Inventor, Revit and cadWORX and is skilled in preparing detailed and isometric drawings.



Employee: Max Smith

Office: Miami

Title: Resident Project Representative

Mr. Smith has 40 years of construction experience. Mr. Smith has experience with various projects including earthwork excavation and compaction for the railroad and highway approaches along with the construction of the Tri-rail New River Bridge to local public and private projects.



Jose Acosta, P.E. Named President Elect for ASCE FL Section

At the American Society of Civil Engineers Florida Section Annual Meeting/Conference in July, CMA Vice President Jose Acosta, P.E. became President-Elect for the Florida Section. The meeting, held in Miami Beach, included the Lieutenant Governor for the State of Florida Carlos Lopez-Cantera and the President-Elect nationally for ASCE, Dr. Bob Stevens, P.E.. CMA President Peter Moore, P.E., LEED® AP led one of the panel discussions during the conference as well on the “Effects of the Panama Canal Expansion to Florida.”



CMA Annual Picnic

The CMA Annual Picnic was held Saturday, August 16 at Oleta River State Park in North Miami. Festivities included a barbeque lunch, chaos bingo, a scavenger hunt and a t-shirt design contest. Prizes were awarded to the winning participants. Congratulations to Stefan Bortak who won the t-shirt design contest! Each employee received a t-shirt. Approximately 50 people enjoyed the day including employees, friends, families and pets.



ASCE Broward Bowl-A-Thon

The 26th Annual American Society of Civil Engineers Broward Branch Bowl-A-Thon was held on Saturday, August 23 in Tamarac at Sawgrass Lanes. CMA team members included Joel Brownsey; Patrick Kaimrajh, E.I.; Jason McClair, P.E., CFM, LEED® AP; Peter Moore, P.E., LEED® AP; Todd Nochomson; Derrick Smith, LEED® AP, CFM; and Jennifer Smith, P.E. The event is held on an annual basis to raise money for a scholarship provided to a Broward County resident pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering. ASCE successfully raised \$2,000 for the scholarship fund.

