

# Jonathan Abbema

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**Jonathan is a senior graduating in May 2020, majoring in Construction Management and minoring in Business Administration.**

**Kira Gangbin:** What have you enjoyed most about the Construction Management Program?

**Jonathan Abbema:** What I enjoy the most about the program is the amount of opportunity it gives me to extend my knowledge and my skills. Conferences, workshops and informational sessions have helped me further develop in the CM Department.

**Kira:** What experiences, knowledge, or skills have you learned/ been able to apply in professional work setting (or hope to)?

**Jonathan:** I have developed an extremely professional attitude as well as an increase in my ability to handle professional conversations.

**Kira:** What advice would you give to your freshman self?

**Jonathan:** Always believe in your ability to learn and overcome challenges you face in your academic career, because if you don't believe in yourself, who will?



**Kira:** Who was your favorite professor?

**Jonathan:** Christi Banks

**Kira:** Do you plan on pursuing a Master's degree?

**Jonathan:** I will be pursuing my MBA Fall 2020

**Kira:** Who inspired you to pursue this career and why?

**Jonathan:** My father was 100% the reason I chose this career path.



**Kira:** How have you seen Construction Management grow?

**Jonathan:** Construction Management has been most definitely growing over the last decade, and I can't imagine where technology will take the industry in the decade.

**Kira:** Where do you see yourself in 5-10 years?

**Jonathan:** In 5-10 years I would like to be solidifying my spot in a top tier company and beginning the race amongst the ranks of the company.

**Kira:** What do you hope to do with your degree out of college?

**Jonathan:** I would like to take the knowledge I've received from the university and bring it into the industry.



**Kira:** Who has been your biggest supporter?

**Jonathan:** My Mother by far

**Kira:** Where did you do your internship?

**Jonathan:** Dynamic Coatings, Inc.

**Kira:** Do you already have a job?

**Jonathan:** Yes, Full time estimator

**Kira:** Is there anything about your Fresno State experience that makes you stand out?

**Jonathan:** I am currently a Champion Leader for the Blue Beam User Group or B.U.G for short, The Commercial Team for the upcoming 2019-2020 School year, and my social Fraternity Sigma Phi Epsilon.



**Kira:** What has been your favorite part of your internship?

**Jonathan:** The favorite part of my internship so far has to be the knowledge that I gain from the industry that I can apply to my coursework. This allows me to solve different problems with different variations of tactics.

**Kira:** Was there a reason you decided to do an internship with this company?

**Jonathan:** I did an internship with this company because I was extremely interested in the estimating department of the whole construction process

**Kira:** What is your favorite story from your internship?

**Jonathan:** My favorite story of my internship is that as my first full year is coming to a close I have the second highest earned value in terms of money out of the whole estimating department at the place of my internship.

**Kira:** What is the most valuable thing you have learned while doing your internship?

**Jonathan:** The most valuable thing I have learned at my internship is that there are lessons to be learned all the time. You also must always be aware of the things around you.

**Kira:** Do you have any suggestions for getting an internship?

**Jonathan:** Network every chance you possibly can.

**Kira:** Do you have any suggestions for becoming acclimated to the internship environment?

**Jonathan:** Study your mentor, take all the notes you need, ask as many questions as you possibly can.

**Kira:** Any final comments relating to your internship?

**Jonathan:** My internship has given skills and traits that I know will most definitely help in the work force and in my coursework.