

OUR MEMBERS



Brad Williams, Clark Pacific plant manager, leads a tour of the company's new fabrication facility in Adelanto, Calif. Courtesy of Clark Pacific.

Clark Pacific launches new California plant

Clark Pacific recently opened a new fabrication facility in Adelanto, Calif. This new, state-of-the-art facility significantly expands Clark Pacific's Southern California fabrication capacity from 45 acres to more than 135 acres and will serve the region's growing demand for prefabricated building systems, including student housing, parking structures, and office buildings.

In launching its new facility, Clark Pacific has already brought 40 new manufacturing and engineering jobs to the Adelanto community—most of which are union—and it plans to hire 30 more employees by the end of the year. Combined with an existing plant in Fontana, the new Adelanto plant significantly expands Clark Pacific's capacity to deliver prefabricated architectural, structural, and modular systems and components for projects throughout the Southern California market. The company now has over 300 industrial acres and employs over 900 in California dedicated to the prefabricated building systems market throughout the region.

—Source: Clark Pacific

Spancrete expands preconstruction services, brings on Weis as new leader

Kelly Weis has been brought on as director of preconstruction and construction at Spancrete's corporate headquarters in Waukesha, Wis. He will be collaborating with multiple stakeholders during the preconstruction process and will also be responsible for managing estimating, bidding, and coordinating project schedules and general construction installation requirements.

Spancrete's preconstruction service team provides customers with opportunities for collaboration throughout the planning stages, virtually designing the project to ensure that resources and budgets are maximized in an effort to optimize design and deliver on the client's vision. The team consists of 20 professionals with varying backgrounds in the construction industry, covering finance, design, and operations.

"Dedicating a team exclusively to the planning stages will provide opportunities for more virtual design and innovation in partnership with our customers and help to identify areas for value engineering," says Jeff Winters, vice president of business development and construction services at Spancrete.

Weis has led more than 1000 retail and construction projects throughout the United States in the past 13 years and holds a bachelor of arts in business administration from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

—Source: Spancrete

Smith-Midland president appointed chair of NPCA

Ashley Smith, president and COO of Smith-Midland Corp. in Midland, Va., has been appointed the National Precast Concrete Association's (NPCA's) chairman of the board.

Smith has been involved with NPCA on various product committees and task forces throughout his career and has served on the board since 2011. His one-year term began on October 14, 2017, at NPCA's 52nd Annual Convention in Atlanta, Ga. Smith-Midland Corp. was started in 1960, and the company has been an NPCA member since 1971.

—Source: Smith-Midland Corp.



Ashley Smith

Spancrete brings on Brown as GM for Newnan facility

Randall Brown has joined the Spancrete team as the general manager of its precast, prestressed concrete plant in Newnan, Ga. He is responsible for all general oversight, including implementing operational systems, driving performance improvement, and overall business management.

Brown brings with him more than 30 years of concrete and construction experience throughout the South. Brown holds a bachelor of science in civil engineering technology from Southern Polytechnic State University in Marietta, Ga.

Spancrete's plant in Newnan produces hollow-core, RibSlab flooring, RePleish, and wall panels. The company employs 25 people in roles ranging from production to estimating to design at its Newnan facility.

—Source: Spancrete



Randall Brown

Gate adds Seshappa, Baker, Dorsch to Kissimmee staff

Gate Precast Co. recently named Venkatesh Seshappa as its new engineering manager in Kissimmee, Fla., and David Baker and Phil Dorsch returned as design assist sales and management representative and project manager, respectively, in its precast concrete production facility. Baker will work collaboratively with design teams and Dorsch with contractors to ensure that cost-effective best practices are used.

Seshappa has more than 30 years of design experience, most recently as director of engineering, research, and development for 12 years at Thermomass in Boone, Iowa. Prior to that, he worked for a variety of engineering firms in leadership positions, including WHKS & Co. in Mason City, Iowa, and BSW International in Tulsa, Okla. He received his master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Oklahoma and bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Mysore in India.

Baker previously spent 11 years as a Gate plant manager, is PCI level III certified, and is a grade 1 American Concrete Institute field testing technician. Prior to working in the precast concrete industry, he worked in the aerospace manufacturing industry for United Technologies and Pratt and Whitney Aircraft. He earned a bachelor's degree in industrial management from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta and a master's degree in business from Columbus State University in Columbus, Ga.

Dorsch previously worked with Gate as superintendent/erection manager for the company's Florida operations and has 42 years of experience in the erection of both architectural and structural precast concrete components in the Midwest and southeastern United States. He received his pre-American Welding Society certified welding inspector qualification certificate in 2006 and has a degree in architectural technology from Rock Valley College in Rockford, Ill.

—Source: Gate Precast Co.



Venkatesh Seshappa

PCI's NEWLY CERTIFIED PLANTS

PCI recently certified the following plants. For an explanation of the certification designations, visit http://www.pci.org/PCI_Certification/Plant_Certification/.

- Dura Art Stone Inc., Tecate-Mexicali, Mexico: A1 and C1A
- Rocla Concrete Tie Inc., Tucson, Ariz.: C2

MAC TAYLOR



McKinney V. “Mac” Taylor died September 28, 2017. He was 89.

Taylor graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology with a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering and served two years as a lieutenant in the Army Ordnance Corps during the Korean conflict.

The precast/prestressed concrete industry was just developing in 1954 when Taylor joined one of the pioneering companies, R. H. Wright and Sons, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and attended the first PCI convention that same year. Taylor was involved in the planning and execution of many of the early PCI conventions and was the budget chairman for the 1964 Washington, D.C., PCI convention.

In addition to R. H. Wright, Taylor held positions with Shockey Bros. in Winchester, Va.; Southern Block and Pipe in Virginia Beach, Va.; Southern Prestressed Concrete in Huntsville, Ala.; and Concrete Components of Detroit, Mich., where he designed and constructed a state-of-the-art hollow-core plant. Then he moved to

Richmond, Va., where he designed and constructed a state-of-the-art precast/prestressed concrete systems producing plant for Concrete Panel Systems. After 15 years, he sold his interest in the plant. He worked for Concrete Structures and then Structural Concrete Products, and then Taylor started his consulting business, McKinney V. Taylor Associates.

Taylor was heavily involved with PCI. He was a member of PCI’s first Marketing Committee. In 1999, he was named a PCI Fellow. Taylor served on the PCI Board of Directors in 1986–1987 and the Parking Structures, Productivity, Strategy Implementation, PCI 50th Anniversary, and Fellow Nominating Committees; was the first president of PCI Zone 5 (now Zone 6), past president of the Florida Prestressed Concrete Association and Virginia Prestressed Concrete Association, and secretary of the Mid-Atlantic Precast Concrete Association; and was involved in the formation of the Kentucky and Gulf South Prestressed Concrete Associations.

Taylor was a registered professional engineer in eight states, an American Society of Civil Engineers Fellow, and a life member of the American Concrete Institute (ACI). He also received an ACI 50 Year plaque.

DONALD L. FAUST SR.



Donald L. Faust Sr., founder of Universal Concrete Products, died September 15, 2017. He was 87.

Faust graduated from Tri-State College in Angola, Ind., in 1952, before serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Faust’s career in civil engineering began the 1950s with American Marietta and Pottstown Newcrete in Pottstown, Pa., and Kenvil Newcrete in Kenvil, N.J. He worked for Boeing Aircraft in Ridley Park, Pa., prior to founding Universal Concrete Products in 1967 in Stowe, Pa., which grew to include plants in Waco, Tex.; Laredo, Tex.; Sarasota, Fla.; Kissimmee, Fla.; Savannah, Ga.; and Folsom, N.J.

He was proudest of Universal Concrete’s work on the air traffic control towers at Miami and Orlando, Fla., at one time the two tallest in North America; the Rivergate Tower (originally NCNB Plaza) in Tampa, Fla.; and the Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia, Pa. In addition, he contributed significantly to the construction of both of the Bears baseball stadiums in his hometown of Boyertown, Pa.

Faust mentored many people in the precast concrete business. As an active member of the industry and PCI, he served on the PCI Board of Directors in both the 1980s and 1990s and was named a PCI Fellow in 2003. He was member of the Architectural Precast Concrete, Program Planning, and Board Nominating Committees.

Memorial contributions may be made in Faust’s memory to the PCI Foundation, 200 W. Adams St., Suite 2100, Chicago, IL 60606.