

## **2008 EXPO Attendee Reports Back on Progress**

This summer CEFGA heard from Southern Poly rising junior Trent Anderson, who last attended CareerExpo in 2008 as a senior at Cherokee High School. Trent remembers Career Expo as an event that “got him very excited” about pursuing a career in construction. In his files, he happened upon two issues of iBuild and wondered if we would be willing to send him issues from 2009 and 2010. We were, of course, happy to accommodate, and even happier to learn that Trent is doing very well in the Southern Poly construction management program.

Trent just completed his second internship with Brasfield and Gorrie, where he worked on a Dekalb County recreation center, and reports he is “doing what he wants to be doing.” He appreciates that in construction there is always excitement and change. “To see a building go up right before your eyes,” Trent says, “is rewarding.” Andrew Allman, Trent’s project manager this summer, can see Trent’s passion. “You can tell he really wants to learn. He pays attention to detail and listens. You need those qualities in this business.”

At Southern Poly, Trent serves as the President of the Constructor’s Guild, an organizing body for construction associations on campus. In this role, Trent has become familiar with different aspects of the industry and developed his leadership skills. His faculty advisor Dr. Khalid Siddique observes that “Trent has excellent organizational skills” and “looks for ways to contribute and learn.” General contracting is Trent’s chosen concentration in the construction management program, and he is looking forward to completing his studies and internships at Brasfield and Gorrie. Despite the current economic environment, Trent is optimistic about what lies ahead. Dr. Siddique is as well. “Trent will be in a position to do very, very well as the construction industry recovers.”

We’ll look forward to hearing about his development.