# Our Members

## Finfrock on team selected to design-build University of South Florida student housing

Finfrock is working with Capstone Development Partners on a development that will bring more than 2000 beds of student housing to the University of South Florida (USF), through a public-private partnership. The project consists of five buildings that are five to six stories tall. Delivery of the first phase is scheduled in the summer of 2017.

For this project, Finfrock is using a new structural system that it developed, the DualDeck Building System. The system makes use of building information modeling and computer automated manufacturing technologies to produce precast and prestressed concrete building components that incorporate mechanical, electrical, and plumbing subsystems. These components are new to the construction industry.

The building system will allow USF and the Capstone Development team to accelerate the schedule, lessen initial and life-cycle costs, eliminate contractor-initiated change orders, and provide the superior attributes of concrete construction, all while minimizing the chance for building obsolescence. Due to its 100% solid concrete construction, the building is particularly well suited for the durability demands of on-campus housing. The long-span, column-free space ensures that, as user expectations change, the building will have greater flexibility than any other building type to meet those desires.

The Finfrock-developed building system was the result of the company's $20 million investment in state-of-the-art technology and equipment and has already created 16 permanent jobs at Finfrock central Florida operation. It will help create an additional 500 construction jobs in Tampa, Fla., when work begins on-site at USF.

The DualDeck Building System is being used for the new Hyatt House Naples/5th Avenue hotel in Naples, Fla. The 183-key hotel, which is creating 375 construction jobs and at least 60 permanent jobs, is set to meet its very aggressive 11-month construction schedule.

—Source: Finfrock

## Spancrete announces new hires, promotions

Jeff Winters

Dana Hook

Mitch Klink

Spancrete recently hired Jeff Winters as vice president of Business Development and Construction Services. In addition, Spancrete also added Paul Heiman as project manager, Mark Buchko as project superintendent, and Dana Hook as director of aftermarket services and promoted Mitch Klink to aftermarket sales coordinator.

Winters joins Spancrete after more than 20 years in the precast concrete industry. One of his many career highlights includes accepting the Governor of Tennessee Excellence of Industrial Safety Award in 2008 on behalf of the plant he managed.

Winters earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Missouri Southern State University.

Project management hires include Heiman, a 28-year industry veteran and a PCI Certified Field Auditor, and Buchko, who joins Spancrete with more than 14 years of experience in the precast concrete industry.

Hook, Spancrete's new director of aftermarket services, and Klink, aftermarket sales coordinator, will work directly with Spancrete Global Services to provide technical expertise, support, and assistance to customers. Hook received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering technology from Pennsylvania State University and has more than 20 years of experience working in national and regional sales roles. Klink joined Spancrete in 2014 and worked as a production assistant until this promotion.

—Source: Spancrete

## Jacob Kreider Kurtz Jr.

Jacob Kreider Kurtz Jr., former PCI president, died Sept. 24, 2015.

Kurtz received his BS in civil engineering from Pennsylvania State University.

In 1956, he cofounded Kurtz Precast Corp. with his cousin, Jack Kurtz. During his career, Kurtz was director of Kurtz Materials Corp., Lancaster Lime and Stone Corp., Kurtz Brothers Concrete Inc., and Kurtz Transport Inc. In the 1970s, High Industries purchased Kurtz Materials, including Kurtz Precast, the predecessor of High Concrete Structures Inc.

Kurtz's PCI service includes his tenure as president in 1979, during PCI's 25th-anniversary year. From 1975 to 1976 he also served as chairman of the former Architectural Precast Concrete Division.

## Harry W. Harvey

Harry W. Harvey, former PCI president and Life Member, died June 13, 2015, in Philadelphia, Pa. He was 91.

Harvey served on the PCI Board of Directors from 1979 to 1985 as a member, secretary-treasurer, vice president, president, and ex-officio member. He also chaired the Producer Activities, Program Planning, Public Affairs, Sound Business Practices, and Specially Funded Research and Development Management Committees between 1977 and 1986.

A graduate of Robert Morris University in Moon, Pa., Harvey first rose to prominence with F. H. McGraw, where he eventually reached the position of vice president. Later, he was named vice president and president of C. W. Blakeslee in Connecticut, then became president and co-owner of Southern Prestressed Concrete in Pensacola, Fla.

# Endicott adds to manufacturing facilities

Endicott is expanding its thin brick manufacturing facilities by adding a new extrusion line, robotic setting, and tunnel kiln. The state-of-the-art plant will double Endicott's annual thin brick production and add about 30 new jobs to the area. The targeted completion date is early 2017.
—Source: Endicott

# Heldenfels Enterprises honored at the 11th Annual Aggie 100

Texas A&M University recognized Heldenfels Enterprises Inc. of San Marcos, Tex., as a member of the 2015 Aggie 100, which honors the fastest-growing companies in the world owned or operated by former Texas A&M University students.

Heldenfels ranked 98th, with a compound annual growth rate of 31.83% from 2012 to 2014. This is Heldenfels' fourth time earning this award. The company was previously honored in 2005, 2006, and 2010.

The Aggie 100, a program created by the Center for New Ventures and Entrepreneurship in Texas A&M University's Mays Business School, honors graduates from across disciplines for their entrepreneurial endeavors and success as business leaders.
—Source: Heldenfels Enterprises Inc.

## Bill M. Woody

Bill M. Woody, former Shockey Precast Group employee, died October 16, 2015. He was 75.

Woody graduated from Virginia Tech with a BA in business. He started at Shockey Brothers Inc. in 1964. Woody served as both sales manager and vice president of sales marketing during his time with the company and retired in 2013.

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## Pete Verna Jr.

Pete Verna Jr., PCI Titan, died July 12, 2015, in Charlotte, N.C. He was 89.

Verna earned his bachelor's degree from Cornell University in 1946, when he was only 20. After a year working for Pacific Gas and Electric Co. on a dam project near Sacramento, Calif., he returned to Cornell and received his master's in civil engineering in 1948. He designed Veterans Administration hospitals for J.N. Pease and Co. in Charlotte until 1953, when he left to run a concrete plant for J.A. Jones Construction Co., also in Charlotte, until 1968. He then worked as a project manager for McDevitt & Street Co. for about seven years before going into business for himself with the companies Verna Engineering PC, Verna Construction Inc., Concrete Materials Inc., Verna-Woollen Corp., and 222 South Caldwell.

Verna developed a semi-lightweight concrete with a unit weight of 120 lb/ft$^3$ that came to be adopted throughout the precast, prestressed concrete industry. He also designed the 44-story Gulf Life Tower (now Riverplace Tower) in Jacksonville, Fla., the tallest building in Florida when it was built in 1967 and the world's tallest precast, posttensioned concrete structure until 2002.

Verna was a consulting engineer on First Citizens Plaza, a 23-story building that opened in downtown Charlotte in 1985. In his 2009 book, *Booster Kuester and Beyond: An Architect's Memoir*, retired Charlotte architect Harold Cooler writes, "Pete Verna has become widely known as the 'Doctor of Sick Buildings,' respected for his ability to evaluate structural problems and to develop practical and economical solutions." Verna also came to be valued as an expert courtroom witness for his ability to explain difficult engineering concepts in a way that made sense to jurors and arbitrators.

One of PCI's founding fathers, Verna served as president of the Board of Directors in 1959. Between 1966 and 1969, he was also a member of the PCI Connection Details and Long-Range Planning committees. When the fledgling PCI recognized the need for a technical journal to document and disseminate the rapidly developing body of knowledge on prestressed concrete in the United States, he was instrumental in the creation of *PCI Journal* and authored several early technical papers.

Verna was elected a PCI Titan of the Industry in 2004. "Pete was one of the most creative engineers in the industry," Thomas D'Arcy, a fellow Titan, said of his first mentor. "I learned the business from him."

## Dexter Fowler

Dexter Fowler, former PCI Zone 5 director, died in Bedford, Pa., on September 9, 2015. He was 75.

Fowler received his bachelor of science in civil engineering from West Virginia University. Early in his career, Fowler worked for the West Virginia Department of Highways and Capitol Cement Co. In 1970, Fowler joined New Enterprise Stone and Lime Co., rising to vice president and general manager of Kenvil Newcrete/NES&L Co. in Kenvil, N.J., then Roaring Spring, Pa., before he retired in 2005.

Fowler served on the PCI Board as Zone 5 director in 1990 and 1991. He was a director of the Prestressed Concrete Association of Pennsylvania from 1985 to 2005, a period during which innovations in the industry, such as the development of high-performance and self-consolidating concretes, rapidly increased the presence of precast, prestressed concrete in the U.S. bridge market.

A licensed professional engineer in Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, Fowler was also a member of the American Society of Highway Engineers.

# Tindall ranks among ENR's top specialty contractors

Tindall Corp. ranked fifth in the Top 20 Specialty Concrete Contractors in the United States and 77th overall in *Engineering News-Record's* (ENR's) Top 600 Specialty Contractors in 2015.

"We're proud to rank among the best contractors and concrete firms in the world," says Tindall's president and COO, Greg Force. "We attribute our success to a culture of quality, performance, and safety. This is a testament to Tindall's skilled personnel and over 50-year track record of success. We look forward to building upon this reputation for excellence."

The ENR Top 600 Specialty Contractors is an annual national survey of the United States–based specialty trade contractors and subcontractors that ranks companies according to construction trade specialties and total annual revenue.

—Source: Tindall Corp.

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