

Construction Careers Center Wins National Award



Bob Segner, 2009 ACCE Chairman, Dianne Slattery, Ph.D., P.E. SIU Edwardsville, School of Engineering, Department Of Construction, 2009 CCC Graduate Brandon Dyer and AGC of St. Louis President Leonard Toenjes with the Founder's Award.

AGC of St. Louis' Construction Careers Center (CCC) charter high school, operated by the AGC of St. Louis, was awarded the Founder's Award by the American Council for Construction Education (ACCE). The Founder's Award was created in 2006 to recognize individuals, companies, or organizations that, through their efforts over the past calendar year, have had a profound affect on

construction education.

The mission of the ACCE is to be a leading global advocate of quality construction education programs; and to promote, support, and accredit quality construction education programs.

The Founder's Award was presented July 23, 2009 during the ACCE's annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio. Accepting the award on behalf

of the CCC was Brandon Dyer, a 2009 graduate. "Traveling to Ohio to accept this award was a tremendous opportunity for me. It allowed me to personally experience speaking before a large audience for the first time, but more important for the CCC, it gave me the chance to talk about my unique high school experience with people from all across the nation," Dyer stated after returning home with the award.

The CCC charter high school was started in 2000 with a single freshman class and has become nationally known for its groundbreaking approach to workforce development targeted to the construction industry. "The fact that the CCC continues to garner national recognition is a testament to the visionaries in the St. Louis construction industry who conceived of the idea ten years ago," said Len Toenjes, President of AGC of St. Louis. "The continued dedication and commitment by our member firms is gratifying and is truly making a difference in the lives of tomorrow's leaders."