



## UNLV Team Takes Home First Place Prize in Associated Schools of Construction Student Competition

LAS VEGAS (February 19, 2019) – For the second year in a row, a student team from University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) earned first place in the Design Build category at the [2019 Associated Schools of Construction \(ASC\) Student Competition](#). Commercial contractor The PENTA Building Group sponsored the team, which consisted of six students from UNLV's College of Engineering and Architecture. The firm offered financial support and mentorship over several weeks leading up to the annual construction-based challenge that took place in Sparks, NV.

The ASC Student Competition presents each school team with a building challenge, and asks those teams to submit a proposal that offers the optimal solution. The process includes developing a design to meet the owner's intent, providing an estimate, logistics plan, project schedule, and a presentation to a panel - all within a 24-hour period. PENTA mentored the UNLV team through several weeks of educational preparation - including meeting with the estimating and project management teams, touring a PENTA job site, and an in-depth lesson on presenting a proposal to a client.

"Mentorship is a value that exists at the core of PENTA's culture," said Glen Maxwell, Vice President of Preconstruction at The PENTA Building Group. "Any student who has gone through this competition is getting a real-world practical experience that is sure to boost their skillset and provides valuable industry acumen. We're extremely proud of this year's team and firmly believe every single one of them has a bright future in the industry."

The 2019 student team included Christian Payan, David Aaron Perez, Jose Jaime Morales, Miriam Garcia-Morales, Nick Livio Russell Goodman and Tristan Stephen Osorio. Each participant took on the role of a professional construction team member, implementing strategy and execution through the functional positions of superintendent, project manager, scheduler, estimator and architect. The team comprised of three returning seniors, two freshmen, and a sophomore.

PENTA seeks to source top local talent into its company, and more than 25 percent of PENTA new hires come from its internship program.

The UNLV Design Build team took first place among the 11 universities that competed. Northern Arizona University received second place and Boise State University received third place.

Congratulations to the students for their achievement!

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