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## MIO/CTIO CELEBRATES THE HAMMURABI AWARDS

February 18<sup>th</sup> the Masonry and Ceramic Tile Institute held their biannual Hammurabi Awards luncheon at the Heritage Banquet Room in the Governor Hotel. The Hammurabi Awards brings well-deserved recognition to designers and contractors who strive for excellence in the use of masonry. During the luncheon, there were display panels and projection presentations of all the entries for the guest to view. Also for the benefit of the guests, Professor J. Patrick Rand a Distinguished Professor of Architecture at the College of Design at North Carolina State University gave a presentation on Masonry and Life Cycle Assessment. Professor Rand is an author and presented papers at the North American Masonry Conference. His presentation brought focus to valuable information about masonry as it pertains to the current green movement.

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Please excuse our error. On the May page of the 2010 calendar, we inadvertently credited the Mason contractor of Summerlin Center in West Linn Oregon as being Bratton Masonry, when in fact it was Davidson's Masonry.



Professor J. Patrick Rand addressing the audience.

Awards were presented to the architects, engineers, owners, general contractors, mason contractors and their foreman, for excellence, honor and merit recipients. The Awards committee consisted of three area architects, Kenneth R Hattan, Kenneth J Mouchka, and Candace Robertson.



## EXCELLENCE AWARD RECIPIENTS

### The Columbian (below)

GBD Architects, Kramer Gehlen & Associates, Gerding Edlen Development, Howard S Wright Construction, Bratton Masonry



### Mt Angel Abbey Bell Tower (above)

Soderstrom Architects, KPFF Consulting Engineers, Mt Angel Abbey



## HONOR AWARD RECIPIENTS



**The Meridian** (left)

Arbuckle Costic Architects, Associated Consultants Inc, Miscom LLC, John Hyland Construction, Davidson's Masonry



**The Wyatt** (right)

Fletcher Farr Ayotte, Magnussen Klemencic Associates, Robert Ball, Andersen Construction, J&S Masonry



Guests gather for the Awards



## MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Hillsboro Telecommunications Facility (right)

KDW, PS, Armour Unsderfer Engineering,  
Howard S Wright Construction, J&S Masonry



Durham Influent Pump Station (left)

Architects Associates, MWH Global, Clean Water Services  
Contractors Inc, Milne Masonry

## HANDS ON FOR ENGINEERING STUDENTS



Left: Matt showing students and Scott Johnson what you would find in a mason's tool box.

Right: Students learning to finish a course



On February 12, Scott Johnson of Kramer Gehlen and Associates and Students from his Portland State University masonry engineering class, were invited by the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local #1 of Oregon to come over to the Locals apprenticeship-training center for some hands on demonstrations of masonry construction. The class started with an identification and explanation of the hand tools a mason uses to construct a wall. Students learn what the different trowels, mortar joint tools, cutting and measuring devices comprise every mason's toolbox. They were also shown the different levels, plumb lines and speed leads used to help insure that the walls are constructed straight and in line. After an overview of the components of a masonry wall and veneer, a demonstration of the different mortar application techniques were shown to, the students and their instructor and they were turned loose to see what they could do. With some one on one, help from local #1 Business Agent Matt Eleazer and Apprenticeship Coordinator Shawn Lenczowski it was not long before the students were raising a brick veneer wall. It was apparent that a good time was being had with the reluctance of some to put down their trowels when the time came.

The Masonry and Ceramic Tile Institute of Oregon helps sponsor the masonry engineering class at Portland State and we would like to thank Scott Johnson of Kramer Gehlen & Associates for helping coordinate the event. We would also like to send out a very special thanks to Matt Eleazer local #1 Business agent, Shawn Lenczowski the Apprenticeship Coordinator for their time and efforts in putting the demonstration together, and Keith Wright, Local #1 Business manager for graciously buying everyone a much appreciated lunch. At the end, there was enthusiastic talk of making this a yearly event from all involved.



Above: Rebar placement in a CMU wall

Below: Laying 12" CMU with rebar laps





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## COMING EVENTS

The Masonry Society  
Spring Meeting

May 11-15, 2010  
Orlando, FL

Western States Clay Products Assoc  
Spring Meeting

May 20-21, 2010  
Colorado Springs, CO

National Concrete Masonry Association  
Mid Year Meeting

July 28 - Aug 1, 2010  
Chicago, IL

Masonry Institute of Oregon  
Annual Golf Tournament

July 30, 2010  
Langdon Farms