CIVIL ENGINEERING AWARDS
RECEPTION AND BANQUET

April 25, 2015
Embassy Suites Hotel
Lexington, Kentucky
CIVIL ENGINEERING AWARDS RECEPTION AND BANQUET

PROGRAM

5:30 p.m. Reception
hosted by
The Kentucky Association of Highway Contractors,
The American Council of Engineering Companies of Kentucky
and
Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers

6:30 p.m. Welcome
Dr. Reg R. Souleyrette
Chair, Department of Civil Engineering

Invocation
Dr. Timothy R.B. Taylor
Assistant Professor, Construction Engineering and Project Management

8:00 p.m. Awards Ceremony
Introduction of Special Guests and Remarks
Dr. Reg R. Souleyrette
YOUNG CIVIL ENGINEER OF THE YEAR AWARD
Justin Anderson

YOUNG CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER OF THE YEAR AWARD
Josh Marrillia
Jason and Mary Beth Wright

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FOUNDERS SOCIETY
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Tommy Gumm
Ron Turner

CIVIL ENGINEERING CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
John Carr
Ted Richardson
Charles Wood
CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This prestigious award is a tribute from the civil engineering alumni of the University of Kentucky to recognize civil engineers who have exhibited outstanding ability, integrity, service, ethical behavior and achievement in their professional careers. This award symbolizes the admiration and respect held by the UK civil engineering alumni for the awardees who inspire them and other civil engineers in their professional careers.

1996 – Grant S. Bell  
David K. Blythe  
James A. Caywood  
Paul A. Faulkner  
Samuel A. Mory, Jr.  
Gerald L. Nichols

1997 – Calvin G. Grayson  
Lowell E. Gregg  
James L. Leggett, Jr.  
Kenneth N. Robertson  
Daniel V. Terrell, Sr.

1998 – Dwight H. Bray  
Thomas B. Deen  
James F. Hardymon  
William H. Kennoy  
Oliver H. Raymond  
Ellis G. Williams

1999 – George M. Ely, Jr.  
William B. Drake, Sr.  
E. B. Gaither, Jr.

2000 – J. Robert Harbison  
Craig P. Hazelet  
Sammie F. Lee  
Robert H. Wood

2001–  

2002 – Thomas C. Finnie  
Cyrus S. Layson III  
Aubrey D. May

L.L. (Jay) Schwall  
Robert Al Walsburger  
James M. Yowell

2004 – Ted D. Haley  
William Mossbarger, Jr.  
Ralph J. Palmer  
Charles C. Schimpeler

2005 – O. Larry Depp, Jr.  
O. Gilbert Newman  
Bobby O. Hardin

2006 – Edward G. Foree  
Larry D. Pinson  
Paul Y. Thompson

2007 – John Arthur Dearinger  
L. Nicholson Melton  
George M. Woolwine

2008 –Vincent P. Drnevich  
Don Colin Kelly  
Glen M. Kelly

2009 – Charles R. Lovan  
Ben T. Quinn  
John W. Scott

2010 – Gordon R. Garner  
Yang H. Huang  
Robert W. Vaughn

2011 – John C. Beyke  
James R. Miller  
Wayne S. Upshaw

2012 – Freeland Harris  
John W. Hutchinson  
Donald J. Wood

2013 – Craig Avery  
Ben Fister  
G. Michael Ritchie

2014 – John McChord  
Charles Scroggin  
Clifford C. Linkes
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FOUNDERS SOCIETY
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This distinguished award is a means by which the Construction Management Founders Society and Department of Civil Engineering recognize and pay tribute to an individual for possessing and exhibiting outstanding ability, integrity and accomplishment in the construction industry. The award may recognize and pay tribute to an individual excelling within the Commonwealth or honor a native Kentuckian who has excelled in the construction industry elsewhere. The presentation of this award is intended to encourage others in the construction industry to excel, as well as demonstrate the admiration and respect held by members of the Construction Management Founders Society and Department of Civil Engineering.

1993 – Robert McDowell
    Oliver H. Raymond
    R. R. Dawson, Sr.
    R. C. Durr
    Paul A. Faulkner
    Rodger Henderson
    H. Whittenberg, Jr.
    Harry O. Wyse

1994 – George F. Duthie
    Buckner Hinkle
    J. Boyer Moore
    William Runner, Jr.
    Garey L. White

1995 – James B. Allen
    Claude A. Berry, Jr.
    James C. Codell, Jr.
    George F. Kemper
    Clarke J. Potter, Sr.

1996 – John Bizzack
    Jean G. Crawford
    Kenneth F. Haynes
    William W. Rogers
    Nacy H. Stone, Jr.

1997 – Kenneth Barker, Jr.
    Harold Black
    Elmo Greer
    Jack E. Ruth
    Arthur Walker, Sr.

1998 – Milo D. Bryant
    Victor Comley
    Charles Richard Denham
    Roy E. Gaddie
    Lois H. Gray

1999 – Lewis Bizzack
    Paul Hemmer, Sr.
    Leonard Lawson
    James D. Scott
    Harold C. Watts

2000 – Calvin G. Grayson
    Harold G. Mays
    D. Joseph Sparks

2001 – Lawrence Bizzack
    Richard D. Crist
    Elbert C. Ray

2002 – Joe A. Burchett, Sr.
    Rex Greer
    J. Larry Hacker

2003 – C. Michael Garver
    Gary G. Howard
    William E. Howard

2004 – Dean Blake
    Robert Congleton
    William J. Crowe
    Frank D. Whitney

2005 – Philip C. Annis
    H. Dale Blythe
    W. David Curry

2006 – Frank R. Hamilton, Jr.
    Larry M. Judy
    Arthur E. Walker, Jr.

2007 – William M. Cress
    William P. Hacker
    Thomas S. Haydon, Jr.

    Hugh Gabbard
    Carl Howard Gray

2009 – Billy Harper
    David R. Houchin

2010 – Claude Berry, III
    Donn E. Hancher
    George Martin

2011 – Ronald Carmicle
    William Dougherty
    Davis Marksbury

2012 – Charles W. Bucklew
    David L. Hussung
    Thomas M. Keckeis

2013 – Kenneth E. Hall
    Dinwiddie L. Mathis

2014 – William C. Adams, Jr.
    Joseph K. Bironas
## CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FOUNDERS SOCIETY

### FOUNDERS
- Robert C. & Gloria McDowell
- Oliver H. & Anne H. Raymond

### BENEFACTORS
- D. Joseph Sparks
- Arthur & Marsha Walker, Jr.
- Garey L. White
- Frank D. Whitney
- Michael and Susan Garver

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YOUNG ENGINEER OF THE YEAR AWARD IN CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

RECIPIENTS

1984 – Robert E. Ballard
1985 – Arthur E. Walker, Jr.
1986 – Stephen G. Howard
1987 – Donald R. Myers
1988 – Lee A. Anderson
1989 – Thomas R. Steller
1990 – William B. Moser
1991 – Harry L. Burchett
1992 – Michael W. Cox

YOUNG CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award is designed to recognize outstanding early career achievements by individuals who have graduated from the University of Kentucky with a degree in civil engineering five to fifteen years ago.

RECIPIENTS

1995 – David E. Miller
1996 – James E. Ballinger
1997 – Gregory D. Meredith
1998 – Marcelyn Mathews
1999 – Phillip G. Howard, Jr.
2000 – Thomas M. Rogers
2002 – John E. Megibben
2003 – James K. Davis
2004 – W. Douglas Hacker
2005 – Arthur E. Walker III
2006 – William Quenemoen
2007 – Michael Sean Wedding
2008 – Casey William Dunn
2009 – Chad P. Conley
2010 – Brian Jones
2011 – Seth Burnett
2012 – Brian E. McReynolds
2013 – Jeffrey N. Garrison
2014 – Justin C. Keeton

YOUNG CIVIL ENGINEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Established in 1999 by the Department of Civil Engineering, this award recognizes young civil engineers who have been out of school for five to fifteen years and who have exhibited outstanding ability, integrity, service, ethical behavior and significant achievement in their professional careers.

RECIPIENTS

2000 – Ben Edelen
2001 – Linda Bridwell
    Nancy Albright
    Diane Zimmerman
2002 – Randall Palmer
2003 – Brian Wood
2004 – Brian Billings
2005 – J. Jeffrey Griffin
2006 – M. Chad LaRue
2007 – Brian Aldridge
2008 – David Holman Deitz
2009 – Clint Goodin
2010 – Samantha Wright
2011 – Patricia Blain Dunaway
2012 – Joseph D. Plunk
2013 – Daniel A. Gilbert
2014 – Anil Kumar Tangirala
2015 – Patricia Blain Dunaway
2016 – Stephen D. Sewell
2017 – Joseph D. Plunk
2018 – Daniel A. Gilbert
2019 – Margaret (Meg) R. Phillips
2020 – Anil Kumar Tangirala
Justin Anderson

Justin Anderson was born on January 21, 1983 to Steve and Jane Anderson. He has one sister, Casie, and they grew up in Danville, Ky. Justin attended Woodlawn Elementary School and graduated from Boyle County High School in 2001. While in high school he participated in football and the team won two state championships in 2000 and 2001. He spent much of his time working on the family farm with his father and grandfather from childhood through college.

Justin graduated from the University of Kentucky with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 2005 and later with a master's degree in 2006. While in college he worked for heavy construction contractors Free Contracting, Inc. and Gray Construction of Lexington, Ky. He also worked in the Management Trainee Program for Norfolk Southern Railroad. During his studies, he gained an interest in geotechnical and railroad engineering under the mentorship of Dr. Jerry Rose. The two conducted several ongoing research projects for various railroads including CSX.

After graduating, Justin focused on geotechnical and railroad engineering for HDR Engineering, Inc. He began his career with HDR in Cincinnati, Ohio and later moved to Omaha, Neb., in 2008 before returning home to Lexington in 2012. Since returning, Justin has started a geotechnical section for HDR focusing in the transportation, power and water resources market sectors.

Justin has worked to publish several papers in the area of geotechnical engineering for railroad related projects and research. The content of these publications began under the guidance of Dr. Rose and continued with innovative project case studies designed and constructed while with HDR.

Justin is an active member of the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance-of-Way Association (AREMA), where he serves on Technical Committee 1 – Roadway and Ballast. He is also a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Justin owes his professional success to God, his family, teachers, mentors and colleagues. He currently lives in Lexington with his wife of seven years, Kelly, four year old daughter, Sydney and one year old daughter, Lauren. When away from work, Justin enjoys spending time with family, as well as golf, skiing and other sports. He loves UK basketball and watching football.
Josh Marrillia

Josh Marrillia is the founder and president of Marrillia Design and Construction, a Lexington based commercial general contractor whose work includes K-12 education, higher education, medical, municipal, streetscape, landfill and military projects.

Josh was born in Louisville, Ky., to Susan Beck and Scott Marrillia. He grew up as the eldest son in a fourth-generation, 80-year-old, family-owned excavation company, and from an early age construction was all around him. Whether through maintaining equipment with his uncle and grandfather during winter vacations and spring breaks or operating equipment with his father in the summer, Josh learned the business of construction. Josh attended St. Xavier High School and in 2002 graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering.

Josh began his professional career working for a design/build construction firm whose primary client base was Japanese-owned automotive manufacturing companies. Showing a knack for developing and implementing design/build strategies, he quickly rose to the position of director of engineering. Josh’s notable design/build accomplishments include expansions to YH America in Versailles, Hitachi (formerly Tokico) in Berea and Murakami Manufacturing USA in Campbellsville.

In 2005 at the age of 26, Josh partnered with a Lexington-based developer to start an in-house commercial contracting division under the umbrella of the developer’s parent company. During this time, Josh led and supervised the construction of The 500s on Main, a mixed-use development with a combined construction cost of $25 million, located across from Rupp Arena in downtown Lexington. A few blocks away, he completed the construction of Newpast on Main and led the structural design of several suburban office building projects in Beaumont.

In May 2008, Josh founded Marrillia Design and Construction. In response to a struggling economy at the time the company was founded, Josh directed the company’s business development efforts into the public bid market, where it quickly thrived. With a focus on quality, schedule, budget and safety, Marrillia has solidified its place in the Kentucky construction industry as one of the top mid-sized general contractors in the state with revenues of approximately $30 million annually. To date, Marrillia has won four AGC of Kentucky Build Kentucky Awards for such notable projects as the 5/3 Bank Pavilion and Cheapside Park Renovation, the renovation of a historic property on Main Street in downtown Lexington, the Pfeiffer Fish Hatchery in Frankfort and the renovation of the Oval Lawn at the University of Louisville, which included the conservation of Auguste Rodin’s priceless “The Thinker” sculpture. Additional work includes numerous projects at the University of Kentucky, University of Louisville and Kentucky State University as well as projects for the Kentucky Department of Education, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Louisville Metro Government and numerous public municipalities and publically funded organizations throughout Kentucky.

Beyond his professional career, Josh enjoys spending time with his wife, Christa, and their two young sons Lincoln and Winston. Josh resides in Lexington Ky., and occupies much of his free time with photography and working on his historic, 100-year-old home in Chevy Chase.
Jason Wright was born in January 1978, the older of two sons, to Roy and Nina Wright. He grew up in Salt Lick, Ky., and spent much of his childhood playing sports, riding four-wheelers and roller skating. He graduated from Bath County High School in 1996 and got his start in the construction industry building houses during the summers to earn money.

Mary Beth Wright was born in March 1979 in Bowling Green, Ky., to Jim and Pam Harned. The older of two children, she grew up in Elizabethtown, Ky., and enjoyed being active in school organizations as well as playing soccer and cheerleading. She attended Elizabethtown High School and graduated in 1997.

Jason recognized a desire to pursue a career that would utilize his problem solving skills, passion for building and allow him to be hands-on with his work. He set his sights on the University of Kentucky’s civil engineering program.

Mary Beth came to the University of Kentucky with her best friend and found an interest in UK’s civil engineering program because of her love of math. She also had the opportunity to participate in the college’s dual degree program where she earned a Masters in Business Administration while earning her undergraduate engineering degree.

Jason and Mary Beth met as engineering students in 2000. A Fluid Mechanics 101 course brought them together, at Jason’s request, to see if they could be study partners. The pair have remained side-by-side ever since.

Jason joined Messer Construction Co., in 1999 as a co-op and upon completing his degree in civil engineering in 2001 was hired full time as a project engineer based in Lexington. He quickly advanced through the ranks of Messer’s construction operations personnel, and for good reason—he consistently takes on leadership roles on constructions projects of ever-growing complexity and size. As a senior project executive at Messer, he is responsible for managing multiple project teams and is a senior management partner with the company. Jason has vast experience building complex, award-winning health care, higher education and transportation facilities and is a certified by the Kentucky Society of Healthcare Engineers.

Mary Beth earned her Bachelor of Science degree in 2001 and Masters in Business Administration in 2002. Upon learning from Jason that Messer was looking to hire a business development manager for its Kentucky offices, she applied for and was offered the position. Her engineering background and business savvy has served her well in her 13 year career with Messer, enabling her...
to provide expert counsel to prospects and clients on preconstruction and construction matters and devise successful business
development strategies. Her rapid advancement in the company to senior management partner status can be attributed to her
customer-focus and ability to lead and motivate others. As the company’s lead business development executive in Lexington, and
more recently all business development efforts in Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina, Mary Beth has forged and main-
tained strong relationships with some of the company’s most long-standing clients—most notably the University of Kentucky.
In addition, she was instrumental in landing Messer’s first major health care project in the Lexington region at Fleming County
Hospital—a project that Jason would later be charged with managing.

Both Jason and Mary Beth are passionate about giving their time and talents back to the community. Jason is a Leadership
Lexington (2013-2014) and Leadership Central Kentucky (class of 2014-2015) program graduate. He also serves as an active
board member and facilities committee chair for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Bluegrass, the business advisory
committee for Shriners Hospitals for Children and the Leadership Lexington Alumni executive committee.

program graduate. She is an executive committee member of Downtown Lexington Corporation, a board member and presi-
dent-elect of the Rotary Club of Lexington and was recently appointed to the board of the Lexington Downtown Development
Authority by Lexington Mayor Jim Gray. In 2012, Business Lexington named her to its list of Leading Women in Central
Kentucky. In addition to their dedication to Messer and the community, Jason and Mary Beth share a love for the construction
industry, for the Commonwealth and for all things UK.

Jason and Mary Beth married in 2002 and have lived and worked in Lexington for nearly 15 years and have two children, Han-
nah (10 years old) and Gabriel (7 years). They live in Andover Hills and enjoy family outings to the pool in addition to golfing
and other outdoor pursuits and supporting the interests of their children.

As their family has grown over the years, so too have their careers, and they attribute their success to the close circle of family and
friends they lean on for support, most especially, their parents.
Tommy Gumm was born January 9, 1947. He grew up in Fountain Run, a small town in south central Kentucky. His father died when he was seven and Tommy and his mother moved in with Tommy’s grandparents. At the age of 12, his grandfather passed away. From that time, he was raised by two wonderful, caring women.

Tommy’s mother was a bookkeeper for a small commercial/residential contractor where Tommy started working at the age of 12 and continued to work throughout high school. He attended Fountain Run Elementary School, where he was the 8th grade salutatorian. Tommy attended Allen County High School where he attempted to play basketball and baseball. After high school, he attended Western Kentucky University.

Tommy married his high school sweetheart, Tish Carter, and they have four children: Lisa Gumm-Gray, a first grade teacher in Lexington, Cindy Green, office manager for the Glasgow Daily Times, Jason Gumm, a nursing home administrator for Glasgow Rehabilitation Center and Matt Gumm, executive vice president of Alliance Corporation. They have 10 wonderful grandchildren ranging in age from 4-18 years old.

On February 2, 1969, Tommy started his formal construction career with James N. Gray Construction Company in Glasgow, Ky., as an estimator and project manager. During his time at Gray, he helped construct the Eaton Axle Plant in Glasgow, which was one of the first major industrial plants on Gray’s resume. After the untimely death of Mr. Gray in 1972, Tommy and three other individuals started Alliance Corporation in 1975. They started as a hard-bid general contractor and their first project involved two school additions in Edmonson County, Ky. By working hard and doing what they said they would do, they eventually acquired clients and negotiated work. In 1977, Alliance worked with the Kentucky Department of Education and pioneered the first K-12 construction management project in the Commonwealth at Edmonson County High School. Since then they have constructed 188 new schools and additions.

One of Tommy’s notable projects is the Western Kentucky University Alumni Center. From 1995-1998, Tommy served on the Western Kentucky University National Alumni Board. They started planning for the Alumni Center at that time. Tommy was fortunate to be the construction manager for this impressive project, which was completed in 2013. Another special project was the T.J. Samson Health Pavilion—a $30 million facility constructed from a Walmart store that had been abandoned 11 years earlier. This revitalized a part of the city that had become bleak and dismal. Two years ago, an addition and renovation to Glasgow High School was completed. This was the last of four schools in the Glasgow School District to be constructed by Alliance Corporation.

Tommy currently serves as the founder/CEO of Alliance Corporation and has three younger partners: Brandon Akers, president, Tim Geegan, executive vice president and Tommy’s son, Matt Gumm, executive vice president. Tommy has told them on several occasions that if he comes to work some morning and they have changed the lock on the front door he will take their hint.

Tommy is a former member of the Kentucky Workforce Development Committee, AGC board of directors (AGC President in 2008), WKU President’s Advisory Board, WKU Engineering Development Committee, WKU Business College Advisory Board, WKU Construction Management Advisory Board, WKU National Alumni Board, EKU Construction Management Advisory Board, AGC Political Action Committee, Ceco Building Southeastern United States Advisory Committee, Kentucky Department of Education Construction Management Guidelines Committee and Kentucky Department of Education Commission on Interscholastic Athletics in 2007. Tommy is also a member of the American Institute of Constructors and currently serves on the Glasgow High School Academy of Engineering Advisory Committee, Foundation Board of South Central Kentucky KCTS, Board of Trustees at Freed Hardeman University and serves as an elder of the South Green Street Church of Christ. Additionally, Tommy was honored with the AGC Most Valuable Person Award in 2006.

Tommy also has a passion for farming. He and a partner farm approximately 700 acres in southern Barren County, raising both cattle and row crops. He also enjoys spending time with grandchildren and watching them participate in athletics and school activities.
Ron Turner

Born to middle class parents on Brown Avenue in Lexington, Ky., in 1943, Ron Turner began his electrical career as a delivery boy at Tafel Electric and Supply in 1965—eventually moving up to warehouse manager, counter sales clerk and quotation manager. Fostering a can-do personality early on, the six years he spent at Tafel taught him the trade and inspired him to dream of having a business of his own. Ron started Turner Electric in 1971, and later founded and incorporated Amteck of Kentucky, a design/build electrical contracting company, in 1977. Amteck may have had modest beginnings, but after Toyota came to Georgetown, Amteck grew into a national company performing work across the U.S. and internationally. At this time Amteck also began what would become its longest standing relationship with the largest general contractor in Kentucky, Gray Construction. Through the years, Ron and Amteck have performed a considerable amount of work for the University of Kentucky, including electrical renovation at Commonwealth Stadium 15 years ago and, more recently, at the College of Pharmacy.

In 1996, while still owner of Amteck, Ron transitioned into developing commercial property in Lexington under the Turner Development logo. Today Turner Development has designed, built, owns and manages over 500,000 square feet of commercial and office rental property. In 2005 he purchased the Lansdowne Club, a landmark built in the 50’s, with his son, Troy. The club was in such disrepair that the Turners razed it and rebuilt a new state-of-the-art club in a short 7-8 months. They renamed it The Signature Club of Lansdowne. In the past few years, properties Ron has added to the Turner portfolio include the beautifully renovated 33,000 square foot Gateway Building on Winchester Road and the former Jaguar/Land Rover building on Blake James Road that recently sold to the Lexington Public Library. He also retains commercial property in Destin and Panama City, Fla.

Ron and his beautiful wife, Linda, have been married for 52 years and have three grown children, Troy, Daren and Tonya, along with 11 grandchildren. Daren Turner, after working beside his dad at Amteck for 25 years, became vice president in 1999, and gradually took over the company. Daren purchased Amteck in 2010.

On September 19, 2007, Ron, Daren and a brother-in-law were involved in a horrific plane crash in Chattanooga, Tenn., when their corporate plane crashed into a shopping center parking lot. Fortunately no lives were lost and no one on the ground was injured, but Ron and Daren suffered serious injuries. After a recovery of six months, Ron returned to work but now spends more time enjoying what he’s worked so hard to achieve with his family.

Ron enjoys mentoring others and is very active in the community, supporting many charitable causes. In 2012, Ron and Linda opened their private “White Christmas House,” a landmark on Chinoe Road, for public tours to raise funds for the Foster Care Council of Lexington. They also welcome children from the Hope Center and Salvation Army into their home at Christmas, which they have proudly decorated for the holiday for 25 years. In May of 2014, Ron and Linda competed in the local version of “Dancing with the Stars,” which benefits several charities, taking home a People’s Choice trophy for the most money raised. Ron says at the age of 71, the dancing routines were some of the hardest things physically he’s done, but he had an excellent partner in Linda.

One of the highlights of Ron’s life was his friendship with Jarrett Mynear, a young boy he met with Daren, Troy and Tonya at a Dream Factory fundraiser in 1996. Jarrett was diagnosed with a rare bone cancer and passed away at the age of 13. Jarrett embodied Ron’s belief in looking for the good in a bad situation; their relationship was chronicled in local TV personality Marvin Bartlett’s book, *The Joy Cart*. Jarrett’s legacy continues today with Jarrett’s Joy Cart, raising funds to help bring happiness into the lives of other young patients.

Ron attributes his success to a “win-win” attitude, having a vision and knowing what you want; not taking no for an answer and working hard to achieve your dreams. His motto is to “turn tragic into magic” and he feels that anyone can achieve this with hard work, dedication, creativity, commitment and integrity.
John Leonard Carr

John Leonard Carr was born in 1950 in Ironton, Ohio to the late Paul and Hazel Carr. In 1958, his family moved across the Ohio River to Raceland in Greenup County, Ky. From an early age, his parents instilled within him the importance of hard work, perseverance, good education and strong Christian values. John attended Raceland High School where he participated in Beta Club and Future Teachers of America, served as vice president of his junior and senior class, chaired the student council and played football. After graduating in 1968, John attended Ashland Community College while working part-time for Ashland Oil, Inc. In 1970, John married his high school sweetheart and best friend, Betty McBrayer, and they moved to Lexington so John could study civil engineering at University of Kentucky while Betty worked at Central Baptist Hospital. While at UK, John was inducted into Chi Epsilon and Tau Beta Pi. During his senior year, John was awarded the Kentucky Department of Highways Scholarship. Little did he realize that scholarship would be a beginning of an extremely rewarding career in transportation that spanned 42 years.

After graduating with his bachelor’s degree in 1972, John began working as a planning engineer in the KYDOH’s Division of Planning. In this role, he prepared numerous location studies and environmental documents for projects across the Commonwealth. In 1974, John received FHWA Eisenhower Graduate Fellowship and attended graduate school at UK where he earned his master’s degree in 1975 while continuing to work part-time with KYTC. During his career, John also worked in the areas of construction specifications and consultant contract negotiations and was appointed as the director of the division of professional services. During the 1980s, John was an active leader in Kentucky State Government employee organizations, serving on the board of directors and as president of the Kentucky Association of Transportation Engineers (KATE), on the board of the 10-to-40 Club, chairman of the Coalition of State Employees and the first chair of the Kentucky State Personnel Board’s Employee Advisory Committee. In 1988, John received one of the most rewarding assignments of his career in the Cabinet: Transportation Scholarship Coordinator, Engineering Recruiter and Training Program Coordinator. In this role, John was able to recruit, mentor and guide many of the young engineers who later became leaders in the Cabinet and Kentucky’s Transportation Industry. John also led the creation of the Cabinet’s Kentucky Engineering Exposure Network (KEEN) where the Cabinet’s engineers made classroom presentations in schools to help students develop early interest in math, science and engineering. In 1994 John was appointed as deputy state highway engineer for intermodal planning. John served in this role for 10 years and his leadership responsibilities included overseeing planning, transit and aviation, the Kentucky Airport Zoning Commission, the ITS Program, the federal Transportation Enhancement Program, the federal CMAQ Program, MPO Policy Committees and Transportation Research. During this time, he was also the Cabinet’s project manager for the planning and environmental phases for the Louisville Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project, which resulted in the unique and innovative “two bridges/one EIS/one project” solution. John also had an active role in AASHTO during then-KYTC Secretary Jim Codell’s AASHTO Presidency. He served on the Standing Committees for Planning and Environment, Reauthorization Steering Committee as well as numerous other ad hoc committees, task forces and special assignments for AASHTO. For this work, he was honored with the AASHTO President’s Special Award of Merit in 2003. In December 2003 John retired from KYTC after 31 years of rewarding service and many wonderful friendships. In July 2004, he joined Wilbur Smith Associates (now CDM Smith) as vice president of Kentucky operations where he focused in the areas of transportation planning, environment, policy and finance and led planning for the award winning Milton-Madison Bridge.

In 2013, John and Betty moved from Lexington to Winston-Salem, N.C., to be closer to their daughter, Dr. Ellen Robinson, their son-in-law, Dr. Nic Robinson and two grandchildren, Reese (age 10) and Luke (age 8). Since retiring from CDM Smith in November 2014, John has pursued “novice” sailing lessons, expanded his reading selections from technical reports and regulations to Doc Ford mystery novels and baseball history and has become a card-carrying Parrothead. John and Betty enjoy spending their time with their grandchildren, activities with Calvary Baptist Church, traveling, listening to Jimmy Buffett music and watching Kentucky sports—especially basketball.
Tilford R. (Ted) Richardson

Ted Richardson was born on January 21, 1940 to Tilford C. and Mabel Kelly Richardson. The youngest of ten children, Ted was raised in rural Kenton County and graduated from Simon Kenton High School in 1958. He was chosen as a National Merit Scholarship finalist.

Ted graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering in 1962. He began his undergraduate studies with a scholarship provided by the Kentucky Highway Contractors Association. During his college years, he was employed part-time by the Kentucky Department of Natural Resources, Small Lakes Division under Professor George Land. In addition, he was married to Deanna Blackburn in 1960. Deanna worked as secretary to the University of Kentucky Dean of Women. They have three children, Anne Elizabeth, John Noble and Laura Kelly.

In the fall of 1962, Ted received a U.S. Public Health Service Fellowship and completed his master's degree in 1963 from UK. He was elected to Tau Beta Pi and to Chi Epsilon—the civil engineering honor society where he served as president.

Upon graduating, Ted was employed by Aer-O-Flo Corporation as an Environmental Engineer. Later he became a partner in that corporation and served as director of marketing. Aer-O-Flo Corporation later merged with Clow Corporation of Chicago.

In 1969 Ted became principal and founder of Cardinal Engineering Corporation and Cardinal Laboratories with Frank Rothfuss. Cardinal Engineering was involved in designing and constructing civil and environmental engineering projects including water and sewer lines, treatment facilities, land planning and development, testing and consulting in the areas of hazardous materials, water and air and solid wastes.

Ted has served on several boards and organizations. He has also been involved in the community and with other businesses in the greater Cincinnati area. Ted is a 12-year member of the Kentucky Environmental Quality Commission and a 30-year member of the National Water Pollution Control Federation. He is a 50-year member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, where he served on its board of directors in 1969 – 1970 as well as a 50-year Member of the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers where he served as State Chairman of the Engineers in Industry Group in 1968 and state vice president in 1976. Ted was a member of the Kentucky Board of Registration of Professional Engineers & Land Surveyors from 1997 – 2001 and served as chairman in 2000. He is a member of the National Environmental Health Association.

Ted has received many recognitions over the years. He was selected Outstanding Young Engineer in Kentucky in 1974, Outstanding Kentucky Engineer in Industry in 1975 and selected Northern Kentucky Professional of the Year in 1984.

He has served his community as a member of the board of directors for the First National Bank of Covington from 1972 – 1978, member of the board of directors for First Federal Savings Bank in Covington from 1976 – 1994 and also served a term as chairman of the board. He was a member of the board of directors for the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission from 1985 – 1993, a member of the Greater Cincinnati International Airport board from 1974 – 1982 and also served as chairman; Ted was a member of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce board of directors, president of the Kenton County Jaycees and is a Life Member of the UK Alumni Association.

For the past few years, Ted has realized his dreams for seeing as much of our world as possible. He has traveled to Antarctica, Australia, South Seas Islands, South America, Europe, Africa, Russia and more with his companion Brenda Seltman.
Charles D. (Chuck) Wood

Charles Drake Wood was born on October 5, 1946, in Columbus, Miss., to Esther Drake and Robert H. Wood. A few weeks later the family moved to Louisville. Later, as a student, Chuck showed an early interest in civil engineering. While attending Waggener High School, he lettered in football, basketball, and track all four years and was active in numerous school groups and organizations. His interest in major civil works projects led him to enroll in the University of Kentucky in 1964 to pursue a degree in civil engineering. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity and became a third-generation civil engineer when he earned his bachelor’s degree in 1968. Chuck’s brother, Bob, and sister, Sarah, are also UK graduates.

After graduation Chuck became a full-time design engineer in the Louisville office of Hazelet & Erdal (H&E). However, his employment there was quickly interrupted by the demands of the Vietnam War and he was called to service by the United States Army in summer 1969. After completing basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., he was accepted into the military’s Science and Engineering Program and transferred to Fort Detrick, Md., where he was assigned to the Post Engineer’s Office. In January 1970, Chuck married Valerie Ann Keables of Louisville.

When his military service was complete, Chuck returned to H&E as a field engineer overseeing the construction of two major long-span Ohio River bridges near Cincinnati, Ohio—the Clay Wade Bailey Bridge and the Daniel Carter Beard (Big Mac) Bridge. He was later transferred to Grand Rapids, Mich., where he spent three years as the resident engineer for several road and bridge construction projects.

Chuck returned to the Louisville office and over the next 20 years advanced from project engineer to project manager to associate and eventually to executive vice president of the firm. During this time, Chuck’s experience included supervision of engineering studies, bridge inspections and reports and the design of numerous bridges and highways projects. From 1995-2002 he was the Louisville office manager.

In the early 1990s, Chuck managed the Central Bridge Replacement Project for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, which involved the design and construction management of a new long-span truss bridge over the Ohio River at Cincinnati. This bridge, now called the Taylor-Southgate Bridge, was the first major truss bridge in the country to make significant use of Grade 70W steel and includes an 850-foot-long main span.

In 2002, he joined Palmer Engineering Company as a group manager working in Palmer’s Louisville office. In 2006, he became a principal of the firm. Along with his management responsibilities, he is Palmer’s project manager for the firm’s portion of the Lake Bridges project in western Kentucky for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Palmer Engineering teamed with Michael Baker on this $300 million construction project to design two major bridge crossings to carry US 68 and KY 80 over Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley.

Chuck is a licensed Professional Engineer in the states of Kentucky, Indiana, Tennessee, Ohio, Michigan and Mississippi. Throughout his career he served in many capacities on numerous professional committees including the UK Civil Engineering Industry Advisory Committee where he was vice chairman from 1994 to 2000. He has been a career-long member of ASCE, NSPE and AISC and he served as president of the Kentucky Section of ASCE in 1989. He was recognized by KSPE with its Distinguished Engineer Award in 1987 and by ASCE with its Robert M. Gilliam Professional Recognition Award in 1998.

Chuck spends much of his free time aboard his houseboat on the Ohio River or traveling with Valerie, his wife of 45 years. He also enjoys spending time with his son, Brian (a fourth generation civil engineer), daughter, Susan and five extraordinary grandchildren.
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