



Pictured From Left: Rabeea Bazuhair (MSU), Gaylon Baumgardner (EAE), J. Baxter Burns II (President-EAE); Braden Smith (MSU), Chase Hopkins (MSU), Ben Cox (MSU), Brad Hansen (MSU), Drew Moore (MSU), Larry Tomkins (EAE), Ethan Whaley (MSU), Amy Walker (EAE), and Jon Runnels (MSU)

ANNOUNCEMENT

Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc., (EAE) announced on October 9th, 2015 the establishment of the Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions Student Support Initiative in Construction Materials for the Construction Materials Research Center (CMRC) within the Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE) department at Mississippi State University.

This initiative aims to support educational needs of students ranging from undergraduates to doctoral students. The photo above was taken at the conclusion of a CMRC meeting and includes several students who had lunch with EAE and others in attendance at the meeting. The students pictured range from undergraduates who work as undergraduate research assistants within CMRC, to graduate students nearing completion of their degrees, to undergraduates in the CEE program who do not work on research through CMRC.

Isaac L. Howard, CMRC Director and MSU CEE faculty member, said the layout of the support initiative is ideal for student development. "EAE showed their wisdom and dedication to students by the way this initiative was developed," he said. "The initiative is able to serve short term needs, long term needs, undergraduate students, graduate students...and on and on. A long term initiative with flexibility goes a long way to creating balance within a program that otherwise can be difficult to achieve."

Larry Tomkins, Vice President of Sales and Marketing of the Southeast Region, said Ergon supports what Dr. Howard is doing currently and has done in the past few years. "These engineering students are the future leaders in the transportation industry. We believe that this support initiative will give the students the opportunity to enhance their education and in turn will bring new ideas and research to the transportation industry."

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