

Alumni Makes Major Gift to Mississippi State University to Support the Construction Materials Research Center

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The Mississippi State University (MSU) Construction Materials Research Center (CMRC) is fortunate to be supported in several ways by numerous loyal and dedicated alumni. Joe Lauderdale, Civil Engineering alumni of 1971, exemplifies service to his alma mater and to the engineering profession at large. Mr. Lauderdale serves as a member of CMRC's Board of Advisors, and has also served in numerous other service positions such as a member of the Mississippi Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Surveyors. In addition to donating his time, Mr. Lauderdale recently made a major gift to MSU for use by CMRC to assist with student and laboratory equipment needs.

According to Mr. Lauderdale: "CMRC is doing a good job of educating a future construction materials workforce while simultaneously doing research that can be implemented into practice for critical needs such as pavement preservation, maintenance, and rehabilitation. CMRC is very active and I am pleased to be a part of the program." Over the past several years, dozens of undergraduate and graduate students have been able to do thousands of hours of paid research on practice oriented topics, while hundreds more students have been taught fundamental construction materials content in classroom settings. According to the CMRC Director, Isaac L. Howard: "We are extremely fortunate to have supporters like Joe Lauderdale. Because of their time, ideas, and financial resources, CMRC has grown and is in a position to educate a future workforce while also producing research results of interest to industry and agencies." Bagley College of Engineering Development Officer Paul Zimmerman agrees: "The combination of accomplished and generous alumni with CMRC's top tier students is working. All groups involved are working together for a better infrastructure, which helps drive our economy. They believe that infrastructure and construction make a positive difference to people's lives, and that shows in their drive and enthusiasm."



CMRC Board Meeting



Construction Materials Laboratory Student Interactions

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