

# Jordan Thurn | BSCM 2018



When I started UF the summer of 2014, I was dead set on the fact I was going to be a journalist. In high school graphic design and my school's publications were, at that point, my life's passion. I was a journalism major, I had a job at the newspaper—I was doing everything I could to make journalism feel right for me. I pursued my journalism degree for a year before my brother, who graduated December 2016 with a BSBC and December 2017 with a MBC, introduced me to the faculty and staff at the Rinker School. Because I grew up in a construction family, as I found out more about the Rinker School, it was a very easy decision to switch to Construction Management.

As I approach graduation in December, I am thankful for the networking opportunities that the Rinker School has to offer and the leadership positions students can easily pursue. During my time at the Rinker School, I've met a lot of professionals in our industry who know the value of the degree we're pursuing and are willing to lend a hand any time you need them.

In my scope of leadership, I focused my attention this last year on the National Association of Women In Construction as the UF Chapter President. Through this position, I've had the opportunity to host leading women in the industry so that they can share their experiences and act as mentors to our members. NAWIC has helped me to fulfill my passion of service through our work with Habitat for Humanity's Women Build—a nonprofit I aspire to give to and volunteer with beyond my time at UF.

Through our career fair, I've met a lot of high caliber companies with some of the most dedicated employees who are genuinely excited to wake up and go to work (almost) every day. The Rinker School boasts high career placement statistics, with multiple graduating classes in a row having 100% job placement in part because of the breadth of companies at our career fair. In my own professional development, I've found a company I care for passionately and am excited to work for after graduation.

Overall, pursuing a degree from the Rinker School is well worth it for the networking, leadership, and career placement opportunities afforded to us. Pursuing a degree as a CM major at the Rinker School has required hard work and a few late nights, but what you put in you more than get out of it.

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