



2020-2021 Scholarship Recipient

*Robert B. McEachern Memorial Scholarship
Matthew and Suzanne Lessard Scholarship*



Meghan Smith

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My name is Meghan Smith, and I am in my third year of studies for my Bachelor of Science in Construction Management at Washington State University. I am currently the President-Elect for the Associated Students of Construction Management on campus as well as a member of the MCAA student chapter and a competitor on the 2020 ASC Commercial competition team.

I spent the summer in my third industry internship with Swinerton out of their Seattle division. We are currently building a six-tier parking garage adjacent to an existing casino with the hopes of starting construction on a hotel on the same campus by the end of the year.

My goal for next summer is to transfer to another location within Swinerton for additional internship experience before I graduate in May 2022. In the long run, I hope to have earned an upper management position for a well-known general contractor by rising through the ranks as a superintendent.

My interest in construction was first peaked following a conversation my mother had with a grocery attendant about a career in architecture. Upon further reflection, I found I had always been intrigued in both the design and construction processes that create the structures I'd seen in Portland, OR and Seattle, WA my entire life.

Once I had my first hands-on experience in construction with a local home builder and discovered the construction management program at Washington State University, I knew I had found the career path for me.