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## Championing the Industry's Next Generation: Wohlsen's New Partnership with Quinnipiac University

Engineering is one of the most challenging and demanding majors of any undergrad program - many of Wohlsen's team members can attest to this! As a leader in the industry, we value the responsibility to foster and grow the next generation of engineers and construction managers. Lucky for us, the area surrounding our Hamden, CT office is full of them — thanks to the Civil Engineering School at Quinnipiac University (QU) just minutes down the road.

As an existing client of Wohlsen, delivering on this promise simply meant expanding our existing relationship with QU into an invaluable partnership — one that everyone is thrilled about.

"At Wohlsen, we want to contribute to the community in which we live and work in a positive way," Mauro Rubbo, Wohlsen Regional Vice President, explained. "We already had a great client relationship with QU, so working together to figure out how we could be a valuable resource to one another was very natural. We want to help provide students with those crucial, real-world learning experiences, while exposing students to the culture and work of Wohlsen as a company."

While the partnership is still in the initial stages, everyone is on the same page as to the opportunities that can come from it — from guest lectures and presentations on the Construction Management process to course sponsorships to construction site visits and tours. Wohlsen has also kicked things off with a \$1,500 donation to the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Chapter.





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“QU’s business models are all about hands-on, practical education,” A. Corey Kiassat, Associate Dean of School of Computing and Engineering, shared. “This way, when a student is hired as a full-time employee, they can hit the ground running and make a big impact. We not only envision Wohlsen being a resource for helping our students and faculty understand the emerging trends and real-world applications of our industry, but also giving them the opportunities to put their theoretical knowledge into practice through competitions and internships. If we get creative with these mutually-beneficial opportunities, we can both have a more meaningful impact in the short and long term.”

And with Wohlsen’s team currently renovating the Admissions building (one of three campus construction projects undertaken thus far), the students are already experiencing a real Wohlsen project site. Juliana Sabin, QU Senior and Head of the Student (ASCE) Chapter, watches construction progress from her dormitory window.

“Wohlsen does a ton of cool construction, and it’s such a great opportunity to show everyone the different opportunities that engineering can offer,” Juliana explained. “Whether you want to be in an office working on design, or out getting your boots dirty with heavy construction, you can take this degree any way you want. It’s my goal to grow and evolve the Chapter so that even non-engineers can experience the importance of engineering in our world—it’s responsible for everything around us!”

As a relatively new entity, QU’s Civil Engineering School will also benefit from the support of professionals in the field that they’re not as easily able to get from their small alumni base.

“A lot of what we do as an engineering school is enforced by the resources and experience of practicing professionals,” John E. Greenleaf, Associate Professor of Civil Engineering, explained. “By partnering with Wohlsen, we can provide students with both the learning and support of co-curricular activities that we haven’t really had in the past — things like mock interviews and shadowing opportunities.”

And likewise, with all the exceptional future engineers that QU produces each year, Wohlsen is equally as excited to take advantage of the fresh perspectives of new team members. “

We plan to play an active role in the Engineering Department’s internship process,” Mauro added. “Whether it be part-time placement during the school year, or a full-time summer internship, we’re anxious to put some of their students on our projects and learn from one another. There’s so much opportunity for both sides with this partnership, and we look forward to seeing how it expands overtime to play a positive role in the community and our industry as a whole.”