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Bayview Construction welcomes foreign exchange students

Engineering and architect duo learn on the job; compare building styles.

STUART, FL (March 3, 2011) — Bayview Construction recently hosted two foreign exchange students from Paris, France, who completed a mandatory three-week construction site internship stateside with the Stuart, Florida based builder.

The college students, Alexia Boulay and Clémence Fenieres, are both in their second-year of a seven-year program for dual majors in engineering and architecture from École Nationale Supérieure d'architecture and École Speciale des Travaux Publics (ESTP).

The students visited and physically worked on several ongoing constructions projects during their internship, which included a capital improvements project at Indian Riverside Park in Jensen Beach, a laboratory building under completion in Jupiter for the Loxahatchee River District, and an administrative center being constructed in Vero Beach for Community Asphalt.

“We tried to give these girls experience to take back with them. In addition to posting security signage, laying concrete block, pouring concrete, finishing concrete slabs, and learning how to operate a back-hoe, they participated in client and inter-office meetings, learned about sub-contractor scheduling and interpersonal communications, and had the opportunity to see how a blueprint becomes a reality in the field,” said Charles Cangianelli, the project manager who oversaw the girls’ internship.

Alexia, the granddaughter of Stuart resident Annette Salvatori, has been to the United States several times. She enjoyed learning what the word ‘construction’ truly meant and remarked on the difference of learning in the classroom versus the real world: “Before this, I thought a building was just a drawing and materials, but it’s much more than that; it’s coordination, interpersonal relationships, organization, scheduling, as well as excavation, safety, and numerous details.”

For Clémence, this was her first visit to the States. In addition to being able to practice her English, she enjoyed seeing a different architectural style: “In Europe, architects really have the intention of creating new things and new shapes. What is used here, traditional roofs or classic elements, is very rare in contemporary European architecture.”

The students used the Internet to search area construction firms, and then emailed their résumés with a cover letter to secure the internship.

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