

## 2019 Academic Year Introduces 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Win For Canadian Engineering Students

*“Only Canadian Team To Compete, McMaster University MCAHN Student Chapter Impresses United States Judges”*



(May 14, 2019 SOUTHERN ONTARIO) – The Future of Canadian Construction is in great hands!

This year the Mechanical Contractors Association Hamilton Niagara’s (MCAHN) Student Chapter team from McMaster University represented their association and Canada in the international competition at the Mechanical Contractors Association conference in Phoenix.

The team was comprised of a mix of six Civil and Mechanical Engineering students, who were tasked with submitting a bid package for mechanical work to be completed on the Indiana State University football stadium in terms of a large addition, including developing a design/build scope and price for the food services portion of the facility. The team then had to create a presentation

in the form of a bid proposal to present to five industry experts to determine their final score and ultimate standing. The team from McMaster was awarded a **second place finish**, out of 59 schools.

**Congratulations!**

The Student Chapter program has continuing support from Dr. Stephen Veldhuis as their faculty advisor. His guidance in combination with the help of many associate/contractors members of the MCAHN has resulted in a continuous top ten ranking over the years. This month’s 54<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting recognized Dr. Stephen Veldhuis Ph.D., P.Eng. Professor, Director and Braley-Orlick Chair in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering McMaster Manufacturing Research Institute (MMRI) for his leadership excellence.



*Photo left to right: Marisa Caluori, Keara Guay, Carmen Bracho, Eva Bracho, Phillip Reinders, David DeVisser*

*“To witness this extraordinary achievement over the past year emphasizes three things: Best, Brightest, Future”* shares Kyle Getty, McMaster University Committee Chair.  
*(Photo left to right: Kyle Getty congratulates Dr. Stephen Veldhuis)*

The McMaster University MCAHN Student Chapter serves as a mechanism for MCAHN employer management recruitment and succession planning within our mechanical contracting industry. We are attracting the best and brightest! Like our Facebook Page to receive updates:  
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As a not for profit organization, and an accredited bargaining agency founded in 1966 with the Ontario Labour Relations Board, the MCAHN association is mandated to develop policies and programming to achieve innovative education offerings, to promote construction leadership excellence, to establish community partnerships and to support economic development reinvestment that reinforce the construction industry’s highest standards for mechanical contractors, and their suppliers.

The leadership of the board of directors governs the following association services:

- Education Programs and support through the Construction Education Council/Member Education Scholarships/Subsidies
- Training and Apprenticeship Programs/Health & Safety/Essential Workplace Certifications
- Industry Supplier Associate Memberships
- Support for the McMaster University Heavy Construction Chair and Student Chapter
- Government Liaison, Community Support and Economic Development Partnerships
- Member Social Networking Opportunities and Engagement

The MCAHN resource network represents an extensive scope of Provincial, National and International governance associations through MCA Ontario, MCA Canada and MCA America.

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