

CMSA Alumni of The Month

Blake Dronen '07- Restoration Systems Inc.

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President

Blake Dronen grew up in Chaska, Minnesota and graduated from Chaska High School. Over his high school summers, Dronen worked for Restoration Systems Inc. in the field where he got his first taste of the construction industry. After high school, he played a year of junior hockey in Arizona. He then played for a year at Augsburg college before transferring to Minnesota State Mankato to enroll in the Construction Management program.

While at Minnesota State Mankato, Dronen recalls his experience as a student in Dr. Wasserman's class. "I really enjoyed Dr. Wasserman as a professor. Anything he taught was very interesting and worth taking." he said. Outside of the classroom, he enjoyed making connections, that he still stays in touch with to this day, through CMSA events.

Dronen continued to work at and interned with Restoration Systems while in college. After graduation, he started full-time with Restoration Systems Inc as a junior project manager and took over the company as President in 2017. Under his leadership, he has grown Restoration Systems Inc. from \$6M – \$16M in a span of 5 years, opened a new branch in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and has been recognized as ICRI (International Concrete Repair Institute) "40 under 40" recipient for most influential people in the industry under the age of 40. He stays connected to Minnesota State Mankato by speaking in Dr. Wasserman's estimating class twice per year. Dronen owns and operates Restoration Systems Inc and resides in Excelsior, Minnesota with his wife and 4 children.

Blake is true pillar in our industry, and a proud example of what our alumni are capable of. Keep up the great work!

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Pro-Tips

"Whatever sector of business you're going to get into, find organizations that are relevant to that, get involved, meet new people, and put yourself out there."