

# CMSA Alumni of The Month

Chris Tauscheck '08 - PCL Construction

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**CONSTRUCTION**

## *Project Manager*

Chris Tauscheck was born and raised in the Twin Cities. While enrolled at Totino-Grace High School, He got his first taste of the industry working groundwork with the City of Columbia Heights in the city parks. After graduating, Chris came to Minnesota State University, Mankato as an undecided major, later discovering construction management the second semester of his freshman year.

The summer after his freshman year, Chris got a summer job as a residential framer, working on multi-family homes and duplexes. The next summer, he got to work on finish carpentry for the same company. Seeking more experience in the office, Chris then got a job working with Rosewood Building Company where he worked side by side with the company owner to complete estimates, read plans, and complete take offs.

The last summer of his college career, Chris interned with PCL Construction and worked primarily at the Mystic Lake Casino expansion project. He spent most of his time surveying with a robotic total station and using auto-CAD, but also dealt with RFIs and submittals.

Chris graduated in 2008, but due to the crippled economy, many places weren't able to hire new workers, thus leaving him with limited options. With nothing keeping him in Minnesota, Chris made his way down south with his girlfriend who had been accepted into grad school in Texas. After months of hearing the same things from employers, he finally landed a job with a civil construction contractor called Austin Bridge and Road, as a field engineer. He worked on several types of projects while in Texas which allowed him to gain lots of valuable experience in the civil construction world. One project brought Chris to Charlotte, North Carolina where his company played a large role in the I-85 project, but he would only be there for three months.

After hearing that PCL had a job opening for Chris as an Engineer he jumped at the chance. He has now been with PCL for over ten years and has held many different titles like engineer, superintendent, and his current role- project manager.

Chris has been a part of nearly every sector of our industry and is a great role model for our students to look up to. Keep up the great work, Chris!

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## *Pro-Tips*

*"Don't turn down a job because of the travel, especially when you are young"*

*"Ask questions at your internship, it shows that you are eager to learn"*

## *Upcoming CMSA Events-*

*Feb 21<sup>st</sup>. Site tour, TBD*