

# CMSA Alumni of The Month

Jared Ziemke '04

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## Pro-Tips

*Take as many communication and public speaking classes as you can.*

*Take advantage of MSU Mankato and build a network while you are in school.*

## Vice President of Industrial Construction

Jared Ziemke '04 grew up on a farm just outside of Elysian, Minnesota and graduated from Waterville Elysian Morrystown High School. Ziemke was no stranger to the construction business with his father and grandfather in the industry. He also had experience framing, siding, and doing shingling work before heading off to college.

When he started at Minnesota State University Mankato his freshman year, he was undecided on what his major should be. He also was a football player and in talking with a teammate who was in construction management, became convinced that it was also the major for him. Ziemke mentioned that he really enjoyed his classes with Professor Scott Fee and that they were always interesting.

Ziemke was unable to have his internship before his senior year, so he worked part-time for different construction companies during his summers at MSU. After all of his other coursework was completed, he interned at Ryan Companies in May, 2004. After his internship, Ziemke got a job offer from Ryan Companies in September 2004 and he has been with them ever since.

One of the first projects that Ziemke had when he started at Ryan Companies, was on a high-end condo project in downtown St. Paul. Since then, he has worked on similar projects as well as light-industrial projects and distribution center projects across the country.

Ziemke is currently the Vice President of the industrial sector at Ryan Companies. He says that his favorite part of his job/career has been watching interns or new hires grow as professionals and watching them become leaders within his company.

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