

# Diego Martinez, Construction Management Major

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Internship Focus: Project  
Assistance, Job and Data Analysis



## What projects are you currently working on?

I've been working on several different projects across all the departments. They've been filled with challenges and are helping me become a more knowledgeable intern! As of now, I am currently working on a project that involves gathering as much information as possible about in- and out-of-office processes to figure out key differences and similarities related to work efficiency. This information will then be used to optimize several specific systems in the field, and for departments to provide the best service possible throughout their area of work.

## What's something new you've learned so far?

Throughout the last few weeks I've learned how to conduct "USA Markings," the reasons behind its use and why we do them, alongside getting the tickets prior to digging at the construction site. I've also created job folders for the foremen, looked over weekly work schedules, and went out to several different cities to see the process of acquiring permits. This is allowing me to get a better understanding of what is done in the office before teams get out to the field and begin working.

## Does any particular experience stand out to you?

I've had countless experiences throughout my internship and have been approached by new faces daily encouraging me to ask questions and visit them in their office to see what they do and continue to grow. I've learned a lot about working alongside the Copper Services team; everyone in this department has managed to be very patient with me considering the loads of work they have on their shoulders, leaving doors open for me to ask whatever comes to mind when given a task.

## What do you look most forward to working on during your internship?

Something I really look forward to is going out to more job sites to see what goes on in the field. As of now I have access to what is planned, but I would really love to see much of how these plans are gathered and how these plans are executed!

## What do you see yourself doing in the future?

In the future, I see myself owning my own construction business. My family is all over the industry and they are constantly pushing me to go out and learn something new both in and out of the field in order to become the best I can be in preparation for success.