Marques Betancourt

School: Sacramento Sate Major: Construction Management Entering: Junior year Internship: Scheduling/project management

What projects are you currently working on?

I am working with Veteran Pipeline Construction (VPC) on the Mobile Home Park Utility Upgrade program, as well as the NCF project. I am also scheduling VPC crews for construction work.

What skills /experience do you hope to gain by the end of this internship?

I hope to gain management/scheduling and budgeting skills. No matter what industry you work for, construction or retail and everything between, those skills are the foundation for a successful company.

What is something new you have learned so far?

I have gotten the privilege to work with VPC EPC Program Manager Frank O'Connell and the Director of VPC Operations, Greg Behr. They have opened my eyes on how the scope of your work becomes broader as you climb the career ladder. They have taught me that communication is the key to success when you are responsible for multiple projects. I have also worked closely with VPC Construction Manager Joey Tamayo. He has



shown me to schedule crews proficiently and look out for their best interest, you need to get out in the field and truly understand the job and struggles of your crewmen.

What are your goals after this internship and how did it help?

My goals have changed while working my internship. I started out determined to stay in the underground utility industry throughout my college years and gain as much knowledge as I can in this field. Working along side upper management in the construction industry, I have realized it is better to be well rounded with different views at the same scenario than being an expert in a field with only one point of view. Now my goal is to gain as much knowledge as possible in as many fields as I can, to be management with multiple points of view.

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