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Simoneau of Shawmut Design and Construction named Distinguished Person of Year from the Roger Williams University Construction management professional advisory board

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Shawmut Design and Construction vice president Ron Simoneau recently accepted the "Distinguished Person of the Year" Award from the Roger Williams University Construction Management Professional Advisory Board (RWU CMPAB) at the Second Annual Construction Management Alumni and Senior Dinner.

"The construction management program at Roger Williams University brings together great students, faculty, alumni, and industry supporters from all facets of the industry," said professor Fred Gould, RWU CM program coordinator. "Whether it is assisting with student capstone projects or supporting our internship program, Ron's enthusiasm, dedication and commitment have helped make the Construction Management program stronger."

Simoneau has played an instrumental role in the growth of the RWU Construction Management (CM) program as a long time member of the CMPAB. He supports CM student competition teams, has helped to lead the board's strategic planning, and repeatedly served as a jury member for senior capstone projects.

In 2009, Simoneau helped create the vision for the Shawmut CM Project Center and was instrumental in securing funding for its design and construction.

"We are proud of Ron's leadership in the board room, on the job site, and in the classroom as he continues to mentor the next generation of construction professionals," said Thomas Goemaat, CEO of Shawmut. "Ron's commitment to superior client service, quality craftsmanship, and the Rhode Island community represent the core values at Shawmut Design and Construction."

Simoneau's construction career has spanned 22 years, and he has been a driving force behind the expansion of Shawmut's academic portfolio by establishing an office in Rhode Island, located at 3 Davol Square in Providence. He plays an integral role in delivering challenging projects of virtually every type for a wide array of clients.

Simoneau is a graduate of the Wentworth Institute of Technology with a B.S. in Construction Management and an A.D. in Architectural Engineering. He holds a Supervisor's Builders License in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, is a LEED Accredited Professional and is 10-hour OSHA Certified.

The Second Annual Construction Management Alumni and Senior Dinner also featured the RWU CM Student Capstone Award Presentations, where nine teams comprised of 29 RWU CM students were recognized for the completion of their coursework in the CM program.

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