

CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION FRIEND AWARD

Francois Jacobs, Ph.D., IMBA, *California Baptist University*



Francois Jacobs was born and raised in South Africa and immigrated to the United States 20 years ago. As a young immigrant he found employment in the construction industry; the only industry that was willing to hire and sponsor him for his green card. Francois enjoyed a 12-year career in construction, starting out working as a painter and later in the construction sector as an estimator, project manager, and general manager for a national construction company. Francois realized the power of having an education in the construction industry and decided to obtain his Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree, and Ph.D. in Construction Management from Colorado State University.

In 2010, Francois was hired by the College of Engineering at California Baptist University in Riverside to establish a four-year Construction Management degree program to support the need for qualified CM workers in the Inland Empire area and the industry at large.

Francois shares the Construction Education Friend Award with the many individuals and industry supporters who continue to support and mold the Cal Baptist Construction Management program to meet the future needs of our industry.