

**PCI Foundation Board of Trustees Chooses 2020 Award Winners**

**Clark Pacific’s Bradley Williams Selected as Partner of the Year**

**Clemson University’s Michael Carlos Barrios Kleiss**, **PhD Wins Community Engagement Award**

CHICAGO, March 4, 2021 --- Recognizing the importance of industry partners and PCI Foundation grant programs that go beyond the classroom to engage local communities; the Foundation’s board of trustees has honored two recipients who went above and beyond in 2020. The awards will be presented in May at an Awards Luncheon during the PCI Convention in New Orleans.

A person in a suit

Description automatically generated with low confidence**Clark Pacific’s Bradley Williams Selected as Partner of the Year**

“The Board of Trustees for the PCI Foundation has chosen Brad Williams (photo), Director of Manufacturing-Facades at Clark Pacific, based in Fontana, CA as Partner of the Year. Brad’s dedication to working with the University of Southern California (USC) on its ambitious project at Joshua Tree National Park, will make a difference in our program, to the Precast Design Studio at USC and students for years to come,” said board Chairman Chris Pastorius.

The basis for choosing a recipient of this honor includes:

• Alignment with PCI Foundation’s goals

• Personal contributions and impact to the program

• Level of interaction with the school and its students

• Level of collaboration with the school and professor

• Enhancing the student’s learning experience through personal dedication

Williams was nominated by multiple industry professionals, including Professor Doug Noble from USC who had this to say about Brad’s commitment to teaching university students about precast concrete:

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Brad has assisted at every step and has brought us many of the Clark Pacific leadership people to help. Even when we thought we were in over our heads; Brad was calm and helped us think about ways to accomplish the goal. This is an amazing partnership. Brad and the team at Clark Pacific highly deserve recognition through the PCI Foundation Partnership award.”

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**Clemson University’s Michael Carlos Barrios Kleiss**, **PhD Wins Community Engagement Award**

A person smiling for the picture

Description automatically generated with low confidenceThe Community Engagement Award goes to Michael Carlos Barrios Kleiss, PhD, (photo) from Clemson University’s School of Architecture.

According to Chris Pastorius, chairman of the PCI Foundation board of trustees, “Carlos’ commitment to architecture education goes beyond the classroom. He has engaged major architectural firms, local precast producers as well as the US State Department in his quest to expand the possibilities for his students. Annually he takes a group of students to Washington D.C. to study the architecture of embassies and their inclusion of precast concrete.”

The basis for choosing a recipient of this honor includes:

• Enhance opportunities for students and staff to participate in community-based learning, service and/or research activities

• Demonstrate sustained scholarship, research, and significant capacity building

• Demonstrate a significant impact with a tangible benefit to the community

• Involve a community partnership

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Description automatically generated**• Focus on a specific community-identified need or opportunity

• Foster an exchange of knowledge and expertise among partners

• Contribute to the enhancement of the PCI Foundation’s reputation as actively and meaningfully engaged with its community and region

• Demonstrate the ability to influence public policy and practice nationally and/or internationally in relation to community engagement

• Extend the PCI Foundation Mission

**ABOUT THE PCI FOUNDATION -** Since 2001, the PCI Foundation has been the educational entity that supports the Precast/Prestressed Concrete industry. The mission of the PCI Foundation is to foster educational and research initiatives focused on innovative approaches to the integrated and sustainable use of precast concrete design, fabrication, and construction. It is a charitable 501(c) 3 corporation, based in Chicago, which supports the inclusion of precast concrete programs at accredited colleges and universities. To learn more, visit the PCI Foundation website at [www.PCI-Foundation.org](http://www.PCI-Foundation.org).

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