Georgia Southern University CECM ASC Southeast Regional Heavy Civil Construction Competition Team from left to right – Andrew Sapienza, HR Manager from Kiewit (Main Sponsor), John Strickland, Clayton Rogers, Brandon Nobles, Seth Wilkerson, Nick Holland, Ryan Patton (Student Leader), and Dr. Seonghoon Kim, coach.

**Georgia Southern Wins Award at ASC Competition**

The Georgia Southern Heavy Civil Team participated in the 2015 ASC Region 2 (the Southeast region) student competitions and industry-sponsored career fair. From among the 24 CM programs in this region, six participated in this year’s competition: Georgia Southern, Auburn, University of Florida, Virginia Tech, Mississippi State, and UNC Charlotte. Georgia Southern received “Best Presenter Award.” This was the first time GSU received this award, and it was quite an honor, as only a few universities receive any award in the regular competitions.

Teams were given plans, specifications, and other contract documents for an ongoing bridge replacement project and were asked to respond to a RFP in only 12 hours. The team presented their estimate, schedule and plan to a panel the following day. The competition provided students with ability to demonstrate full knowledge of plans and specifications, problem solving, construction methods, scheduling techniques, estimating, risk management and communication skills. This is equivalent to the scope of a senior project class known as “Capstone Project Class,” that students can take in the last semester of their undergraduate study. The competition is a great learning experience, and it is an opportunity for students and employers to see how the students perform under real world conditions. All members of the GSU team are very grateful for the Carolinas AGC Foundation for hosting the event and for Kiewit Construction for sponsoring the heavy civil competition. We also want to thank the GSU CECM Department, IAB (Industry Advisory Board), and our corporate partners for financially supporting the team.

Below are more photographs of the GSU team and this year’s competition.
Debriefing provides information to students, after the competition, about what happened during the actual project used as an example in the competition.