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Constructor of the Year: Steve R. Traxler

Dist nguished Alumnus of the Year: Charles Poole

National Ranking: #6

In January 2017 the University of Louisiana at Monroe School of Construct on Management was ranked #6 in the nat on as one of the "50 Best Value Schools for Construct on Management 2016" listed by BestValueSchools.com.

ULM's program ranked higher than inst tut ons such as Clemson University (#8), Indiana State University (#13), Appalachian State University (#15), and Louisiana State University (#19).

The methodology used by the polling agency focused on factors an average student looks for, such as af ordability, high-quality curriculum, and opportunities for student involvement, as well as the program's accreditations, degree popularity, enrollment, and graduation rate.

BestValueSchools.com described ULM as an int mate educational environment that provides enormous opportunity, focusing on three major areas within the program: benefits that come with the small programs, scholarship opportunities of more than \$10,000, and the program's 100 percent placement rate and top starting salaries for recent graduates.

Dr. Ed Brayton, director of the School of Construct on Management, said that ULM's Construct on Management graduates continue to be placed in positions around the globe. "It is an honor that our program has been ranked #6 in the U.S. Most people don't know that we were the first program in the U.S. to be accredited by the American Council for Construct on Education."

Founded in 1966, the program that celebrated its 50th anniversary in April 2016 is commit ed to being the premier inst tut on in construct on in the state of Louisiana. It trains its students in the felds of commercial, resident al, highway/bridge, heavy industrial, ut lity and civil works construct on.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Stat st cs points to a big upswing in the demand for experienced, qualified constructors over the next decade. In fact, numbers indicate that there will not be enough construct on management graduates to meet expected growth. Through the year 2024, predict ons are that 1,028 positions will go unfilled each year.

"We will strive to be the best construct on management program for our students, their employers, and the construct on industry," says Brayton.

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