



# Hard-Troweled Tribune

## Project Focus: UGA Center for Art & Nature

GGC started work on this project at the Georgia Botanical Gardens on the UGA campus back in December 2019. The structural phase of this small, but complicated project was very challenging. The site is located in a hole, making the foundation and walls phase of the structure incredibly difficult with rain and silt management. However, our team completed the structural phase in early Spring, a structure complete with a cast in place pedestrian bridge with 10 support columns, over 2,000SF of elevated bridge slab, and dozens of switchback stairs as high as 25' above the ground across a small site with significant elevation changes. The bridge tied into a double-monolithic elevator can, and multiple site walls. We then handed the project off to the hardscape team in April, and commenced work on over 120 tons of granite rubble wall, 3500 SF of exposed aggregate sidewalk, radius courtyard entrance, and a two-tiered sloping fountain with a custom granite bowl and radius trough, faced with granite to tie into the existing garden foundation areas. The \$1.5M project was a success, and also one that should build opportunities on the campus with longtime UGA builder, Turner Construction. Congratulations to the project team that included Superintendent Slade Salmon, Project Managers Josh Mandall, Jonathan Browning and Jacob Puche, a host of Field Engineers led by Jim White, Pre-con team of Paul LeMay, Rafael Cruz and Blake Eberhard, and many crews including Mario Ventura, Saul Lopez, Costa, and Pedro Lara. Great job!



### Mark your calendars...

- The date for the 2021 Spring Fling has been set - Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup>. This year's event will be at a new location - The hotel at Avalon.
- GGC's official Holidays coming up this holiday season are Thurs. and Fri. 12/24 and 12/25, and Fri. 1/1.
- GGC is already planning the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Summer Jam at Lake Lanier Islands for the whole family!

### RECENT GGC ANNIVERSARIES:

- Josh Mandall - 16 Years in November
- Colin Nelson - 8 Years in December
- Brennan Poitra - 7 Years in December
- Devin Wilson - 4 Years in November
- Roger Black - 4 Years in December
- Paul Martinez - 4 Years in January
- Brandon McDaniel - 3 Years November
- Marcus Scott - 3 Years in November
- Matt Walther - 3 Years in November
- Jesse Flores - 3 Years in January
- Marco Tino - 3 Years in January
- Blake Eberhard - 3 Years in January
- James Freeman - 2 Years in November
- Jonathan Browning - 2 Years in November
- Ricardo Battle - 2 Years in November
- Julian Ureno - 2 Years in November
- Josh Hoepker - 1 Year in November

## 2020 Christmas Lunch

We returned to the Duluth Dreamland BBQ for our Annual Christmas Employee Lunch and year-end celebration. Thanks to the entire GGC team for all of your contributions to a banner 2020 year.



## Building up 2021 Backlog:

Wrapping up an incredible 2020 (at least from a revenue and profit standpoint!), our team is fully focused on building up the pipeline for next year. As it sits today, we currently have a backlog of \$32M for '21 under contract, and several large awards still pending. Highlights:

- **Evans Construction Headquarters Building:** \$440,000 Turnkey package including foundations, slabs and metal deck concrete in Alpharetta, GA - 40,000SF HQ building for our new tilt-up client Evans. Project slated to start in January.
- **South De-Icing Facility:** \$1.2M project at Atlanta's Hartsfield Airport for Manhattan Construction. Project includes foundations, slabs, piers and pits for facility to increase ATL de-icing operations.
- **Data Center:** Work has already started on the next phase data center with Holder, recently awarded foundation excavation, valued at \$1.65M, also working on potential added scope of full place & finish of slabs, metal decks, and paving scopes, as well as other scope for several other buildings on campus. We could have up to \$10M of work on this site in '21.
- **The Bixby on College Avenue:** A \$2.6M turnkey concrete package for student housing project in downtown Clemson, SC, for new client Freese-Johnson. The project should start right before Christmas, and includes foundations, slabs and sitework for structural steel frame building and parking deck.
- **Alabama School of Cyber-Technology:** \$2.7M turnkey project in for Brasfield & Gorrie. The project includes foundations, walls and slabs of 2 separate 4-story buildings for new campus in Huntsville, AL. Work starts on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021.



As 2020 comes to a close, most of us are excited to turn the page to a new year. And yet with all the economic and pandemic related challenges, incredibly 2020 is going to close resetting all of the GGC record. For '20 we expect to be over \$45M in total revenue, and projected to beat all our profit goals. Better yet, 2021 looks to be set for another tremendous year. GGC senior leadership has analyzed the current backlog and strategies for next year, and have set a lofty goal of \$55M-60M for '21. This is largely driven by the uptick in Data-Center work with partner Holder & the rise in our Tilt-Up concrete work. Hardscapes is set for a big step forward in quality and size projects, and we have some strategies in place to win our share of traditional industrial, higher-education, senior living and other structural turnkey work. Collectively, our team has worked hard to build our market place presence and our growing reputation with key clients. Congratulations to all and Happy New Year 2021.



## 2020 Excellence in Construction



GGC received a 2020 "Excellence in Construction" from ABC for our project at Village Park in Alpharetta (now known as Village Park Milton). The 6-floor concrete frame built with partner Reeves-Young opened this Spring. GGC was also awarded the Gold Safety Step Award.



## Employee Updates



Ben

GGC has expanded its Project Management Team with the hiring of Assistant Project Manager Ben Hoover in November. Ben is working directly with Senior PM Trevor Garner. Ben graduated recently from the University of Georgia with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Join GGC in welcoming Ben to the team!