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The Mobile Section Young Constructors Forum hosted a field trip for 25 students and professors from the Civil Engineering Department at the University of South Alabama.

Seth Smith, project manager for White-Spinner Construction and co-chairman of YCF, along with Jennifer Sutton, project manager for White-Spinner Construction, showed the group two jobs on the USA campus – the recreation center and the bell tower.

During the field trip Smith and Sutton pointed out challenges that take place on the construction site. The students appreciated the opportunity to see real life construction applications and ask questions.

“We appreciate Seth and Jennifer leading this tour,” said Mobile Section Manager Charlotte Kopf. “We also appreciate the efforts of Dr. Jim Laier and Dr. Kevin White with USA for making this tour a reality.”

Another field trip is being planned for March which will include Trademark Construction's Field House project at USA.

Students attending the field trip are from the AGC's Student Chapter at USA. The Student Chapter, established in 2008, reaches out to all students of the College of Engineering, Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, and Chemical, and has grown to include more than 30 members.

The major objectives of the chapter are:

1. To promote professional comradeship among the Engineering/Business students at University of South Alabama and with members of the Alabama AGC.
2. To instill in Engineering/Business students an understanding and appreciation of the aims and ideals of the construction discipline and to explore the basis and principles of construction.
3. To organize an effective program of extracurricular activities which will include opportunities for students to network with local construction and engineering firms.
4. To offer mentoring and job opportunities with local construction and engineering companies.