## Crane gift grows BCS studio fund

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A gi from F.L. Crane & Sons, Inc., one of the nation's most extensive nishing contractors, now professional career." - Ty Crane supports a studio fund to enhance student projects and activities speci cally for the Building **Construction Science (BCS)** degree program at Mississippi Statenderstanding of constructability University. e annual support will help solidify the program and strengthen the student learning environment.

Fulton, Mississippi-based F.L. Crane & Sons, Inc. has a vested interest in the university's College of Architecture, Art, and Design (CAAD). e rm has longstanding ties to MSU and hires graduates for various jobs that require expertise gained through hands-on classroom experience.

e BCS program has been making inroads since its inception my degree. Being a builder and in 2007 as it turns out highquality graduates well prepared for architects in the program provided studio-based programs of its industry challenges. MSU alumnusme the most bene t for my Chip Crane, CEO of F.L. Crane & professional career," said Ty Cranestudents directly apply their Sons, Inc., was among CAAD board Within CAAD, BCS program members who initially advocated for the BCS program's addition.

"My father, Chip, was the rst in our family to attend MSU, and he from F.L. Crane & Sons, Inc. will greatly assist the program. Some believed in tying architecture and construction management togetheroptions for use of the annual fund, to improve the working relationshiphe believes, would be to support faculty development, along with between architects and builders support for student projects, in our industry," said Ty Crane, activities, and lab materials. operations o cer for F.L. Crane & "Professional development of Sons, Inc., who was among the BCS

"I'm v ery proud our company and our family support of the program from which I earned my degree. Being a builder and learning to communicate with architects in the program provided me the most bene t for my

program's rst graduates in 2011. "Dad hoped the program would allow architects to gain a better and the issues that builders face, while giving future builders insight into the viewpoints of architects."

Ty Crane and Chip Crane are among the grandsons and sons of faculty is an important need for longtime friend and MSU supporter with technology advances and Additional support from some family members extends to the

scholarship within the college.

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director George Ford, a longtime construction tasks. As part of the educator and licensed professionalstudio, students may be required engineer, believes the new supportto conduct team projects, complete

building projects, and visit construction sites.

For more information on supporting the BCS program, contact P.K. omas, CAAD director of development at 662.325.2542 or email pkthomas@ foundation.msstate.edu.

company founder Johnny Crane, a BCS professors to remain current

market trends in the construction industry to better assist their Johnny Crane Professorship and a students within the learning environment," said Ford. "We greatly appreciate the gi and look forward to utilizing proceeds for maximum potential."

With some 140 students. the program is one of only two

kind in the nation. In the studio, classroom knowledge into various