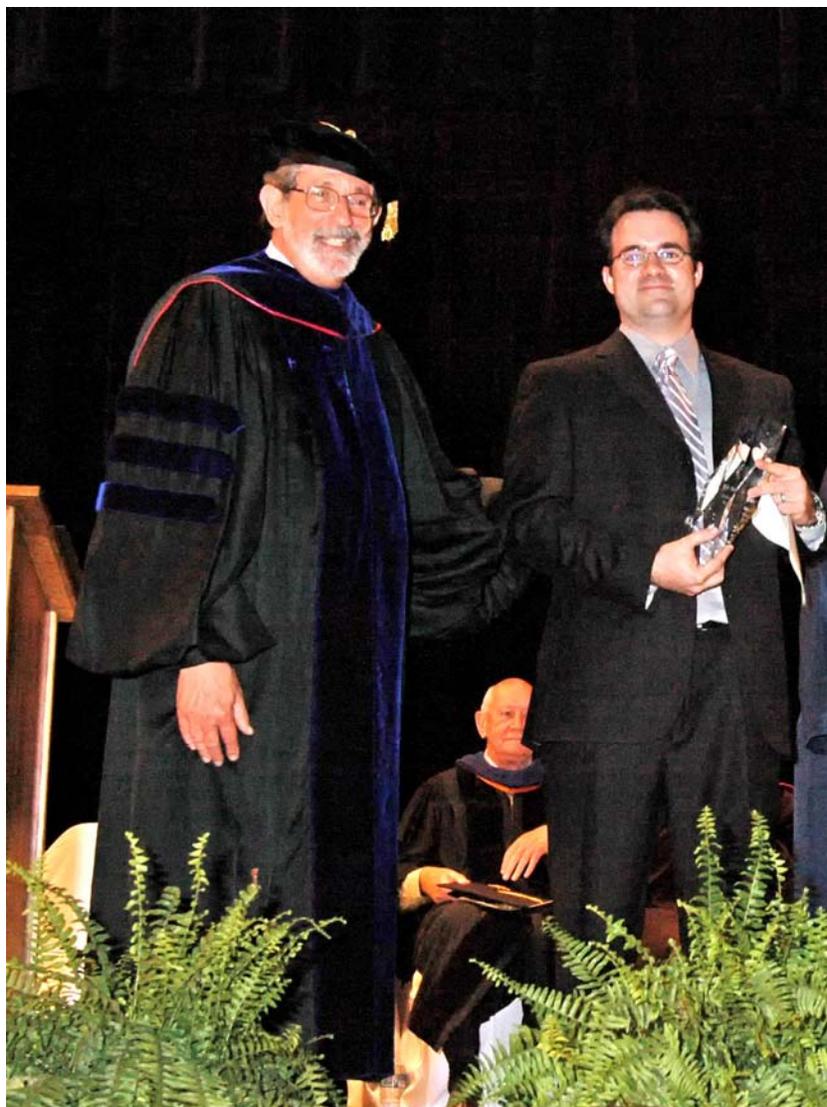


Kyle Holmes  
TAMS Class of 1995  
Distinguished Alumnus 2008



Kyle E. Holmes, an estimating manager for Brandt Engineering Co., in Dallas, has been a strong supporter of TAMS since he graduated in 1995. He is a member of the Admissions Selection Committee and has been a speaker at summer orientation and at fall convocation.

Kyle came to TAMS from Coppell High School in 1993. He entered the academy specifically to take organic chemistry so he could qualify for medical school applications. He spent the summer between his first and second years at TAMS working in the laboratory of Paul

Marshall, Regents Professor of chemistry, after receiving a scholarship in the Summer Research Program.

During his second year at TAMS, Kyle switched his career goal from medicine to chemical engineering. He received a full scholarship to enter Oklahoma State University's College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology, working for Brandt during the summers while he completed his bachelor's degree.

After graduating in 1998, Kyle worked briefly for TPA, Inc., in Dallas, a division of Koch Industries. As a project and design engineer, he was responsible for the design and development of specialty plants for the petrochemical industry, including sulfur recovery plants and gas treatment plants for Total Petroleum, Exxon and Mobil.

Kyle joined the staff of Brandt in March 1999 as a project manager and project engineer, directing all aspects of the mechanical and plumbing contracting on several prominent projects in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. In 2002, Kyle returned to UNT to direct the installation of air conditioning and heating units and plumbing on the \$25 million Pohl Recreation Center, which is located a short distance from McConnell Hall. Most recently, he worked on RadioShack's Riverfront Campus in downtown Fort Worth.

Kyle was promoted to an estimating manager for Brandt in 2005. In 2007, he personally assembled more than \$425 million dollars' worth of bids and budgets while managing a team of six estimators.

Kyle has the distinction of being the first TAMS Distinguished Alumnus. At the 2008 graduation ceremony, Dr. Sinclair had this to say about him: "He has done everything we have expected of him and distinguished himself as a student, professional, and alumnus."