



*“Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others.” —Jack Welch*

# The Leadership Behind the Student Chapter

**T**he IFMA Greater Phoenix Student Chapter was founded by Mr. Rick Corea. Rick is the Global Facility Director for ON Semiconductor with over 35 years of experience. He spends nearly two-thirds of his time at the company’s plants in Asia, Europe, and North America.

His innovative approach to managing each facility has led to better streamlined policies, procedures, and increased manufacturing uptime at foreign sites in: China, Japan, Korea, Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Belgium, Italy, Czech Republic, and Slovakia.

**R**ick is always giving back to the FM profession and after serving 3 years as chapter president, he wasn't through. His next goal was to inspire the next generation to pursue Facilities Management as a profession. In January 2010, Rick began working on forming the Student Chapter with only five ASU college students. By August 2010, the Chapter became official with fifteen members. Rick personally mentors college students, hires students as interns, and guest lectures for ASU's FM program. Rick has even opened his home to the international students during the holidays to share a meal. Under his guidance the Student Chapter has been successful with the following milestones:

- January 2017 – has over 60 college student members
- October/December 2016 – conducted the first IFMA Student & Family Leadership Conference in Tempe with over 50 participants.
- Also Student Chapter Vice President, Jake Gunnoe, is selected to speak at World Workplace for opening ceremony and is the recipient of IFMA Great Phoenix “Rising Star” Award
- 2014 to 2016: 50% increase in student membership
- 2015 to 2016: 10 students in the mentor-ship program, 4 students receiving the internships/jobs
- 2014 to 2016: \$28K + scholarships awarded to 10 Phoenix Student members over a period of 2 years
- December 2015: Student President, Dhaval Gajjar, won “Emerging Leader of the Year” award from IFMA Phoenix chapter
- May 2015: Started the Greater Phoenix Chapter Scholarship Fund; \$3,000 per year
- October 2014: recipient the Student Chapter of the Year award at World Workplace in New Orleans

- August 2010 – Officially became an IFMA Student Chapter with 15 students
- January 2010 – conception with only 5 students

If you ask Rick why he does all this, he will just smile and say, “It’s the right thing to do and I want to see others succeed and get excited about the FM profession as I am.” Nonetheless, Rick refuses to take all the credit; he is always giving thanks to the support he has from the Greater Phoenix Chapter and the ASU Faculty (Dr. Dean Kashiwagi, Dr. Jacob Kashiwagi, and Dr. Kenneth Sullivan).

**To learn more about the student chapter events click here.**



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