



Chris is a co-founder and partner of Hamilton Stern Construction. With his close friend and classmate Justin Hamilton, they founded the company in 2010 after seven years of working separately for other construction firms in a variety of capacities, including LeCesse Construction Services in West Henrietta, NY and MLB Construction Services in Malta, NY.

As with any 21st century enterprise, to be successful it must rest on a solid financial foundation. In addition to his construction and supervision responsibilities, Chris's business role within the firm insures such a foundation. Whether working with clients on the budgets and bids for their projects, subcontractors and vendors for their services, and internally with managers and employees, Chris is trusted to ensure that all dealings are fair and accurate, and good for all involved.



Chris instills a concept throughout Hamilton Stern that it's not just the construction project that's important to a client, it's the realization of a client's dreams and needs. The work Chris performed for The Mills III at High Falls and for The Michelsen Building – both affordable multi-family housing projects – represents this approach.

Learning about a client's needs, such as for the Erie Canal Animal Hospital, is another value that Chris both personifies and instills in his individual assignments and throughout the firm.

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### **Chris's professional affiliations, memberships and awards include:**

- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Engineer in Training, April 2003
- OSHA 10-hr Safety Card
- OSHA 30-hr Safety Card
- Wal-Mart, Certified Stormwater Professional
- FMI, Young Manager's Institute
- Member, Construction Financial Management Association

In 2009, the Urban League of Rochester honored Chris (and Hamilton Stern operations manager Gary Lyons) with its Outstanding Businessperson Award for helping to successfully deliver its largest construction project to date.

Chris graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology in 2003 with a degree in Civil Engineering and Construction Management, and later returned to earn his Executive MBA in 2009. During his undergraduate years, he was a member of the RIT varsity men's basketball team.

## **Some of Chris's previous accomplishments are highlighted here:**

Chris's experience encompasses residential and commercial construction including projects in higher education, multi-family housing, retail, and healthcare in New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, North Carolina and Florida. While the projects shown and highlighted on the Hamilton Stern website are excellent examples of Chris's current activities and accomplishments, following are just a few of Chris's earlier project highlights.

In the multi-faceted Residential sector, Chris led the management of a complete \$28 million renovation of 516 apartments spread across three unique sites. Project challenges included relocating existing tenants and a 22-month project duration.

He supervised the construction of a \$12 million 67-unit apartment building with a parking garage. And he managed the construction of a \$4.5 million 42-unit low-income housing project in Chili, NY. Nine residential buildings and one community building were constructed in eight and a half months.

In the Retail sector, one of the hallmarks of Chris's accomplishments is the ability to keep retail operations open and doing business while pursuing major renovations.

For the Florida Kash N' Karry/Sweetbay stores, he supervised a \$7 million renovation project encompassing more than 16 different Florida locations. He created strong relationships with clients, architects, engineers, subcontractors, vendors, and suppliers in a completely new market for this client.

In the Education sector, Chris delivered several projects at the College of Saint Rose in Albany, NY, including the renovation of seven student residences, demolition of Cabrini Hall, several parking lot addition/modifications and the \$6.5 million transformation of the 44,500SF 105-year-old St. Joseph's Hall dormitory into a student center.

Healthcare is, and has been, a major sector in the construction industry, especially as medical technology evolves and new standards for the patient experience are set. Chris's prior experience in this sector includes a wide variety of renovation and new construction.

For Finger Lakes Health's Geneva General Hospital, Chris played a key role in the renovation/new construction of a 2800SF MRI facility. Other renovation/new construction projects at Geneva General include a 6500SF orthopedic doctor's suite equipped with state-of-the-art GE X-ray equipment; a 8000SF medical office building shell space for a Women's Diagnostics practice (which includes mammography and ultrasound suites); and a 4000SF clinical office for a general practitioner.

For FLH's Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital, Chris supervised a two-phase renovation of 3000SF of existing general practice space, all while the practice remained operational, and a renovation/expansion of a Dermatology suite, also remaining open during the construction process.