

Diego Balino Martinez

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Diego Balino Martinez is a fourth-year, first-generation Latino student at UC Berkeley majoring in Civil Engineering with a minor in Data Science. He began his industry journey in Summer 2023 as a Project Engineer Intern with BNBuilders, working on an \$85M life science tenant improvement for Gilead Sciences in Foster City. Diego has interned with Swinerton Builders and Flatiron-Dragados, and most recently at Tesla's Gigafactory in Austin, Texas, serving as a Construction Quality and Commissioning Intern to help push critical path items on a fast-paced, large-scale project. In Fall 2025, he returned to healthcare with XL Construction, contributing to UCSF Benioff's \$32M mass timber Administrative Support Building in Oakland. Diego currently serves as President of UC Berkeley's Premier Region 6 ASC Competition Team and AGC student chapter, leading professional development and industry outreach for his peers. Fun fact: before his construction career began, Diego was offered a full-time chef position at Fogo de Chão at just 17 years old.