

Press Release

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Rattler Hall of Famer Now Quarterbacking Skanska's Tampa Museum of Art Project

TAMPA, Fla. – Skanska USA Building Inc. announced today that as the Super Bowl preparations ramp up in Tampa Bay, Florida, a former two-time All-American quarterback at Florida A&M University is already in town making a difference each day as a Project Manager on Skanska's Tampa Museum of Art project.

In his college days, Oteman Sampson had one of the most storied careers in Rattler football history. Leading his teammates to an 18-6 record over two seasons (1996 and 1997) as well as the 1996 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Championship, Sampson broke the vast majority of the school's all-time passing records. He was the 1997 Black College Player of the Year, MEAC Conference player of the week on six occasions and graduated magna cum laude with a 3.57 GPA in construction engineering.

The man once known as the "Field General," due to his success calling plays in the Rattlers' no-huddle offense, is now known as O.T. Delancy, Project Manager. One of Delancy's college professors helped him decide what he wanted to major in at Florida A&M, a decision that has helped shape his present career path.

"I became interested in construction in 1995 through Professor Clayton Clark," said Delancy. "He presented the Construction Engineering program information to the football team and I worked for a concrete company that summer. I have been involved with construction ever since."

Now, Delancy helps oversee the Tampa Museum of Art project, which includes a new art museum, a downtown waterfront park, a roof garden renovation and repairs to the existing seawall. His responsibilities include managing the budget and cost, issuing subcontracts, monitoring progress against the project schedule, monitoring safety performance, and strategic planning in response to modifications and changes.

"Like I did playing quarterback, my job with Skanska requires anticipation of obstacles and coming up with the best plays for an incremental gain," said Delancy. "In football, the final plan for the game is reduced to an 11x17 play card with plays for every imaginable situation. In construction, the final plan comes in the form of 300 sheets of drawings, which makes it imperative to understand the game plan from tip-to-tail."

“Whether it’s football or being a project manager, O.T. is a born leader,” said John Cammack, Skanska’s Senior Vice President in the Tampa office. “I’m proud he’s part of our team.”

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