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## PFS TECO Donates NDS Sets to Gonzaga University Students

**Cottage Grove, WI** (February 26, 2021) — PFS TECO donated sets of the *National Design Specification (NDS®) for Wood Construction* and the *NDS Supplement* to engineering students taking Dr. Paul Nowak's masonry and timber design class this semester at Gonzaga University in Spokane, WA.

The NDS is developed and maintained by the American Wood Council's Wood Design Standards Committee and is approved by ANSI as an American National Standard. It is referenced in the International Building Code® and International Residential Code® and is used to design wood components and structures worldwide.

"Making the NDS available to the next generation of civil and structural engineers is one way that we support not just our business but the entire wood products industry for generations to come," said Scott Drake, President/CEO of PFS TECO.

Adds Dr. Nowak, SEAS Associate Dean and Professor of Civil Engineering at Gonzaga, "I teach a class each year on masonry and timber design, and the students really appreciate that a company like PFS TECO thinks enough to donate the NDS sets."



Gonzaga University students with their NDS sets

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