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I graduated from The University of Akron in 2011 with my Bachelor's of Science in Civil Engineering and Master of Business Administration in 2016.

**What lead you to a career in the field of engineering?**

I consider myself to be a problem solver and becoming an engineer meant I would be able to use that skill continually. Engineering can lead down the path of numerous careers and I really appreciated the plentiful options that become available after graduation. Specifically, I always wanted to be involved in construction in some sort of capacity. Civil engineering gave me the avenue to pursue a career in design and construction, living out my dream.

**What are some of the factors that have contributed to your success?**

Making good relationship and being a great communicator are two things that I believe are very valuable in the professional world. I strive to make both of these a priority in my everyday life and believe these two ideals have helped me in my success thus far.

**What advice would you give to underrepresented engineering students/young professionals?**

Put yourself into to situations where you may feel uncomfortable. Most people do not like to be placed into uncomfortable situations, but often times these are the places where you will learn and gain the most experience to better your future. Anyone can be placed into an environment where they have a strong background, but it's the individuals who expand their horizons to work on other areas they are uncomfortable with that will succeed.

**What advice would you give to young underrepresented students who would like to choose engineering as a major?**

Decide what you want to do with your future self before diving head first into schooling. Going through college I saw numerous people who just went into engineering because they thought it was the right thing to do and they were just not a good fit. Review all of your options and make an educated decision to pursue something you will be happy doing for years to come. An engineering degree will give you numerous career options, so do not be close minded when planning for the future.