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Q: How did you select your college major or certification program?

A: I chose civil engineering at first to do something practical, but the more I got into it I realized that civil engineering could help me with my passion to help people and make the world a better place. That reason along with the application of science and math make the major a good fit for me.

Q: What was the biggest influence in your selection of major/career?

A: My father has been my biggest influence. Since I have been a kid he always pushed science and education and since then I knew I would do something in the STEM field.

Q: If you could go back to high school and select any elective course to take that would have better prepared you for college, what would it be?

A: I probably would have tried my hand at calculus for the experience and A.P. Chemistry for the credit.

Q: What is your favorite aspect of your major?

A: I love the hands-on aspect of it and the fact that it is a social form of engineering. Freshman year we actually went in the lab and made concrete.

Q: How do you/your major make a positive impact on society/our community?

A: Civil engineering works with the world around us. From the manufacturing of infrastructure to connecting people, civil engineering helps the world around.



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Q: What's the most interesting thing you have been able to do in your college career?

A: Academic-wise working in the engineering lab. As far as socially, meeting a lot of interesting people and being involved in school (e.g. Becoming a STEM ambassador and the National Society of Black Engineers)

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Q: What advice would you share with K-12 students who are considering your major?

A: Work hard in school and learn the fundamental things. I would also tell them to read a lot and ask a lot of questions. And to never give up!

