

STEM SPOTLIGHT

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Q How did you select your college major?

A I wanted a major that would always be needed and had a good chance of job security. Other than medicine (which I would have hated, by the way), engineering seemed like the next logical step.



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

A I wanted to figure out how things worked, how they were built, and how to fix/upgrade things when they weren't working at their optimum performance. Civil Engineering just seemed like the best fit.

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 Drafting, more math classes, and something to help with Technical Writing.

Q What is your favorite aspect of your job?

A I get to work with my hands, and a lot of interesting people. I have an office to go back to, but I've never been "chained to my desk" as with some of the other professions.

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

A EnSafe Inc. has the opportunity to work all over the country, but we concentrates most of our work in and around the Mid-South. We have cleaned up and made "ready for reuse" several sites in the immediate area, and continue to do so.



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

A I have worked all over the world, including Canada, South and Central America, and Africa. I have seen so many interesting things and places because of my choice of Civil Engineering.

Q What makes you get up each morning excited about your profession?

A There's always something that is going to break, and I get the chance to fix and/or redesign it, and then make it better than it was before.



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

A Keep studying in your science and math classes. Those classes are all about repetition and practice, and there is NO such thing as too many practice problems. Don't get discouraged and keep doing them!

