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Background:

- **Educational Background:** B.S. and M.S. in Civil Engineering
- **Your first job after college:** *Engineer at Private Consulting Firm in Pennsylvania*
- **How did you land your first job after college?** *Past co-op/internship at company.*

Current Position:

- **What is your current title and name of the company you work for?** *Engineer at Private Consulting Firm in Pennsylvania*
- **How did you land this job?** *Past co-op/internship at company and networking with current employees.*
- **3-5 job skills required for your role:** Communication, Time Management, and Technical Background
- **What does a typical day/week at work look like for you?** Lots of calculations based on what project I am working on. I am currently still primarily working from home.
- **How are you still applying your undergraduate STEM degree to your current role?** I use my critical thinking skills daily at my current role.
- **What's next for your career?** Earning my Professional Engineers (P.E.) License

Perspective:

- **What was your big career break?** Internships – treat them as an extended interview!
- **Best Career Advice you ever received:** You miss 100 percent of the shots you don't take.
- **What was your Biggest Career Failure/ Regret? How did it help guide your career path? What did you learn from them?** I wish I studied abroad during college.
- **How do you decide when it's time to move on from a position or which new direction to take?** Trust your gut and have multiple mentors who you can talk to.
- **What advice do you have for recent STEM graduates?** With the digital world that we live in STEM professionals from all over the world are more accessible than ever, so if you see someone that has a career that sounds awesome to you, don't be afraid to reach out with questions!