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WHERE WERE YOU BORN?

Fort Worth, TX

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN CHARLOTTE AREA?

4.5 years

TELL US A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT YOU?

I was born and raised in Fort Worth Texas and earned my degree at Texas Tech University. I moved to Charlotte shortly after graduation to experience living somewhere new. Now that I have made Charlotte my home, I can't imagine living and growing anywhere else. I grew up in a blended family with four sisters. I have nieces and nephews that I adore and love any opportunity to spend time with family. I am a Civil Engineer in Land and Site Development. I remember being first intrigued by civil engineering because it allows for the opportunity to improve and grow a city and community while incorporating the subjects that I love. My faith leads my life and encourages me to hold integrity and kindness in everything I do. I enjoy investing in others and serving those around me.

DURING YOUR TIME VOLUNTEERING FOR A COMMUNITY ACTIVITY OR PROJECT, WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT?

My most memorable time volunteering was leading a community group through my church. Getting to see people from all different walks of life come together in a community is something so unique and encouraging. Seeing one another grow and helping one another through the ups and downs of life built my appreciation and love for others. When volunteering in a leadership role to encourage others, it never ceases to amaze me that I always end up learning more and being more encouraged by those I am leading than I would have expected. Focusing on others continually gives me a new perspective and reminds me to meet others where they are with kindness, love, and encouragement.

IN YOUR OPINION, HOW DO YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY? PLEASE BE AS DETAILED AS YOU CAN.

As a civil engineer, I have the amazing opportunity to contribute to my community every day. I help design residential developments such as townhomes, single-family neighborhoods, and apartment complexes, as well as commercial developments such as industrial facilities and commercial/retail facilities. I make it a practice to intentionally design projects in a way that promotes growth and improvement in their respective locations. My aim as a Civil Engineer is to continue to develop Charlotte as a place where others love to live. I work to provide our community with infrastructure and resources that residents and visitors to Charlotte might not have even known that they needed, but it fills me with pride knowing that I am part of making Charlotte a great place to live and explore.

PLEASE LET US KNOW ANY AWARDS OR RECOGNITIONS YOU'VE RECEIVED IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

I received my professional engineering license in March 2022.

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES OR INTEREST?

I love traveling and experiencing new places and cultures. In my free time, I am taking my dachshund on a hike, paddle boarding with my husband, or at a barre class with my favorite community at Neighborhood Barre. I always enjoy trying new coffee shops and restaurants across Queen City. I am involved in my church and enjoy meeting for fellowship and studying with my community group.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE QUOTE THAT YOU STAND BY?

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

James 1:2-3

WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 5 YEARS? 10 YEARS?

My professional goals all have continued growth across 5 years, 10 years, and throughout my career. My goals include growth as a professional engineer in not only my technical experience but also in my professional relationships and mentorship. My goal is to focus on land and site development in Charlotte and across North Carolina and the Southeast. I also want to represent young female engineers and the difference we can make in our communities and profession. I've been blessed to have mentors that have exposed me to the difference we make in our communities and in our workplace and I would like to give back by mentoring at all stages of my career.

CAN YOU SHARE ONE THING THAT IS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

It is on my bucket list to visit the town in Spain where my grandmother is from and where my father was born. I would love to explore where she grew up and meet any extended family that still live there. Just getting to explore the culture she came from would be such an incredible experience and opportunity.

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU USED YOUR PASSPORT?

This month I am traveling to Canada to visit national parks in Alberta and British Columbia.

WHAT IS A FUN FACT ABOUT YOURSELF THAT NO ONE KNOWS?

A fun fact about me is that I studied abroad in Australia for a semester. It was the most eye-opening experience full of personal growth, lifelong friendships, and deepening my love for adventure and travel. I enjoyed Australia's culture so much that I returned for a month after graduation to explore the areas I had not before and to reconnect with friends I had made studying abroad.

WHO IS YOUR HERO?

I strive to look at many role models, each for their own example and experience. Because of that, there are many people I look up to and respect. When it comes to my professional role model, my mom is the person I look to the most for guidance. She has set an incredible example for me as a strong female professional in a male-dominated industry. She has taught me that, not only in my personal life but also in my professional life, it is always worth having integrity and doing the right thing. She always encouraged me to know that I can accomplish anything I set my mind to and that I can be anything I want to be. I would not be where I am in my professional career without her as a role model.

WHAT WAS THE LAST BOOK YOU READ?

The Bible

WHAT WAS THE LAST MOVIE YOU SAW?

Where the Crawdads Sing

WHAT WAS THE LAST CONCERT YOU SAW?

Hillsong United

HOW DID THE COVID PANDEMIC AFFECT YOUR PERSONAL OR PROFESSIONAL LIFE?

Fortunately, as a Civil Engineer, I was considered an essential worker throughout the pandemic. I worked from home for a very short time but was able to work in the office with precautions through most of the quarantine. The pandemic increased my appreciation for my professional relationships, mentorship, and in-person learning. The ability to learn and grow is so much more fruitful when you can discuss problem-solving in person. My professional development wouldn't be nearly as effective if I did not have the ability to lean on the experience of senior leadership, coworkers, and mentors. I also really enjoy helping others grow in their professional development and doing this in person is where I really thrive.

Lastly, the pandemic grew my passion for travel. First, not having the opportunity to travel abroad encouraged me to travel in areas of the US that I might not have otherwise. It gave me the creativity to experience unique places right here in our own backyard. Second, not getting to travel abroad during the pandemic made me appreciate the opportunities I do have to experience international cultures and encouraged me to take every possible opportunity to travel.

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