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Q. How did you become interested in working at IDOT?

A. I met recruiters from IDOT during a career fair at Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. My interest to work at IDOT grew after I explored the benefits of the Development and Training of Engineers program.

Q. What aspect of engineering are you focused on?

A. My focus is transportation engineering. As the pedestrian safety engineer, I ensure the traffic standards are met for school zones and crosswalks along state routes in District 1.

Q. Is there a creative solution you developed to solve a problem for a project you were working on?

A. I proposed a traffic management plan for stage construction of an intersection improvement project. Hopefully as I expand my knowledge within the civil engineering field, I will be able to develop effective solutions to address foreseeable problems of the future.

Q. How do you see engineering changing in the next five, 10, 20 years?

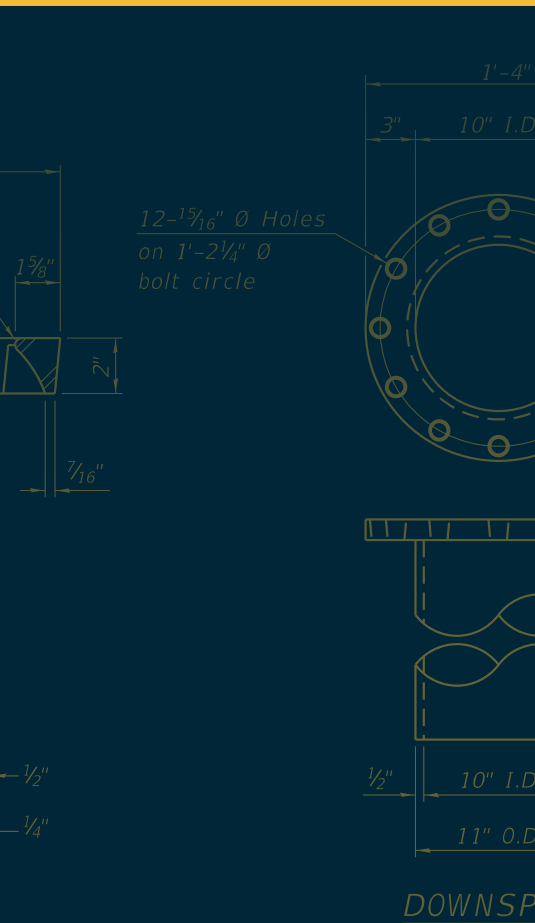
A. Engineers often build their innovations through science and technology. I foresee technology as the driving force for engineering decisions in areas of infrastructure smart systems, construction productivity and environmentally conscious solutions.

Q. What advice would you give to young aspiring engineers who may not be thinking of starting a career at IDOT?

A. Explore the benefits of IDOT's DATE program. The DATE program provides engineers an opportunity to sharpen their technical knowledge, explore their interests and work with experienced engineers to increase their individual problem-solving skills.

Q. One thing you'd like the public to know about your work?

A. I would like the public to know my work as a pedestrian safety engineer provides professional fulfillment. I take great pride in ensuring the safety of residents throughout Illinois.



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