How did you select your college major?

Because I was pretty good in math, my high school math teacher encouraged me to pursue a degree in engineering. Because I wanted to know how things (roads, buildings, etc.) were built, I chose Civil Engineering.

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

My high school math teacher and my interest in building things.

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?

Physics and Calculus.

What is your favorite aspect of your job?

Being able to make design and construction decisions and being able to oversee what I designed.
Q How do you/your company make a positive impact on society/our community?

A My company, GS&P, makes a positive impact in the community by designing projects that benefit the public and the environment. Most notably is the Memphis ITS project where motorists can view traffic-incident messages on overhead Dynamic Message Signs and view camera images online before they leave home or work. GS&P has also designed a plethora of architectural projects related to healthcare and office space, and most of these buildings are certified as being friendly to the environment.

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

A The most interesting thing I was able to do was to share with high school and college students what I do as a Traffic Engineer and encourage them to pursue careers in engineering.

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

A The fact that I am an integral part of design and construction projects that will have a positive impact in the community in which I live.

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

A Stay focused, surround yourself with positive people in high school and college, and never forget to reach back and help someone else.