CES, Inc. Founders Jim Parker ’70 and Shawn Small ’70 Fund Engineering Laboratory

CES, Inc., a full service consulting firm specializing in engineering, surveying, planning and sciences, founded by two University of Maine alumni, has pledged $100,000 to maintain and upgrade the research laboratory where environmental engineering students learn how to provide healthy water, air, and land.

Started in 1978 by Jim Parker, P.E., and Shawn Small, P.E., CES in Brewer has been involved in many projects that preserve and enhance the economic, social, cultural and environmental well being of communities across the state.

The generous gift from CES and its founders will be put towards an endowment for the Boardman Hall facility which will be named the CES Environmental Chemistry Lab.

All five of the company’s shareholders are University of Maine graduates. Their expertise in civil, structural, and environmental engineering and surveying cover the full range of education offered by programs at the university. In addition, eight of the nine current members of the Board of Directors and at least half of the more than 60 employees received degrees from the flagship University.

Giving back to the University of Maine is the right thing to do, said Small and Parker, both graduates of the Class of 1970.

“We felt it was important to say thank you for the quality education we received,” said Small.

Said Parker, “I grew up Downeast as a fisherman. My successful career is a result of the education I got at UMaine. Now I can afford to help make sure the environmental chemistry lab has good quality equipment so the young people coming up can benefit. We’ve got a great company here, and we need well trained employees.”

Over the course of its 30-year history, the company has expanded service offerings and now has four offices in Maine. It continues to grow its staff and service area and to provide excellent employment opportunities within the state.

Engineering graduates from the university continue to play an integral role in CES projects.
“We like to hire UMaine graduates because they’re hard working, well trained and well prepared,” said Parker.

Praising CES’ generosity, UMaine faculty said the firm’s gift would provide the financial stability to ensure the lab will be state-of-the-art. “We need to maintain materials and instrumentation, and we need to purchase additional instrumentation required by new analytical techniques that are continually being developed,” said Aria Amirbahman, associate professor of environmental engineering.

Labs are essential to student engagement and learning, said Eric Landis, chair of the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department. “Students can see, touch, and smell how the book-based theory applies and also see the limitations of theories and what complications can arise.”

More than 30 years after they graduated, Parker and Small recall UMaine with fondness. “The university was, to me, a very big place, but I felt right at home,” said Small, who grew up in tiny Bingham.

Both he and Parker agreed their professors had been exceptional teachers.

“All of our instructors were our mentors, and there wasn’t one who wouldn’t sit down and answer your questions one-on-one,” said Small. “I had some real good moments with Otis Sproul – he was very smart. And I got the biggest kick out of Clarence Bennett’s lectures. He kept them interesting – you never knew what was going to happen.”

Parker praised his professors for “teaching us how to think like engineers. They didn’t give us answers, they showed us how to find them. Because many of them worked in the field, they brought a tremendous amount of practical experience back to class.

“And the classes weren’t just about sitting and studying,” he continued. “Our professors actually showed us what was happening. In (Professor) Bill Gorrill’s geo-technology class, for instance, he wouldn’t just bring you through the textbook. He’d take you to look at the site.”

Academics aren’t the only reason Parker values his UMaine experience.

“My best memories are the friendships I developed,” he said. “I made friends with all kinds of people. And they all became business leaders. In fact, they’re the architects and consultants I’m doing business with today!”

Dedication of CES, Inc. Environmental Chemistry Laboratory

CES, Inc. principals and employees joined UMaine President Kennedy and College of Engineering Dean Humphrey, faculty, and staff to celebrate the CES, Inc. Laboratory dedication on November 19th.

The CES, Inc. Environmental Chemistry Lab is an important component in the training of environmental engineers. Funds from the CES contribution will be endowed with the University of Maine Foundation to provide new lab equipment, maintenance, staff, research project support, and a perpetual source of income to the College of Engineering.

Please visit the CES website for more information on the
An engineering and environmental consulting company co-founded by a former University of Maine student has given a financial boost to undergraduates in the School of Electrical Engineering Technology.

TRC Companies Inc. Power Delivery Group, started by Kerry Spurling who attended UMaine from 1973-1975, and Jim Mayer, has established the TRC Electrical Engineering Technology Scholarship fund, pledging to build an endowment of $100,000 while providing $5,000 per year to students with the most promising prospects for developing a career in Power Delivery Engineering.

The gift cements the strong partnership their nine year old company has forged with the EET program, according to Spurling and Mayer who said that each year they hire four to eight engineers from UMaine. Comprising at least a quarter of TRC’s 200 Maine employees, UMaine graduates have helped make TRC what it is today. They are hard workers -- well trained and with a good attitude.

“A key element in the success of the Power Delivery Group has been the regular influx of young engineers from the University of Maine Electrical Engineering Technology Program,” said Spurling. “These scholarships reinforce TRC’s commitment to hiring UMaine students and increase the flow of students into TRC after graduation by raising the awareness of the company as a great place to start a long and fulfilling career in engineering. We have enjoyed excellent success in terms of their capability and work ethic. We have also experienced very low turnover with these graduates. The University in turn has recognized the value of TRC as an employer and traditionally done an excellent job at steering top students in our direction.”

Established in Augusta, Maine, in 1999 as E/PRO Engineering and Environmental Consulting, and later sold to TRC, the group has grown to 400 employees in eight offices throughout the U.S. Its relationship with UMaine is primed to become even stronger, according to Mayer, who said the company has grown nearly 20 percent each year and is projected to continue that upward spiral.

“The gift is a nice legacy for us to leave behind,” he said.

Many EET sophomores and juniors get to know TRC through summer internships, according to Mayer who called it “a great way to start a relationship with one another. Based on their feedback, they seem to find exactly what they’re looking for. They found a good company and we found good people.”

UMaine Electrical Engineering Technology students are taught applications while balancing theory. This emphasis prepares them to be productive on day one of their employment.

“TRC is an outstanding example of how consulting engineering firms contribute to Maine’s economy,” said Dana Humphrey, dean of the College of Engineering. “I am deeply appreciative of our relationship with TRC and their support for UMaine.”

Paul Villeneuve, assistant professor of Electrical Engineering Technology, said the TRC gift will have an enormous impact. “It will greatly increase the amount of scholarship money the EET program currently gives out. It also will help with recruiting efforts and be an enticement for prospective students.”

Last year, 50 percent of the EET graduating class found jobs at TRC, according to Villeneuve, who praised the company for providing good-paying jobs that enable young people to stay in Maine, raise their families, and contribute to the economy. He said TRC employees visit the campus regularly and speak to students, providing valuable information not only about their company, but also about the power delivery industry and keys for success as future engineers.

“TRC has been really great for UMaine and our program,” he said.

Please visit the TRC website for more information on the company: www.trcsolutions.com
**Cloke Plaza Plans Moving Forward**

With the hiring of an artist and University support, the College of Engineering is earnestly planning the design and construction of Cloke Plaza with a construction date scheduled for next summer. The plaza, which has been in the works since 2002, will be situated between Crosby Hall, the Advanced Manufacturing Center, the Engineering and Science Research building, the Machine Tool Lab, Neville Hall and East Annex. Once completed, a pedestrian only area will be created for a portion of Beddington Road, cutting off auto access – except for emergency vehicles.

The plaza was named in honor of Paul Cloke who served as dean of engineering from 1926 to 1950. He led the College of Engineering (COE) through the Great Depression, WWII and through periods of significant growth, including the opening of Crosby Lab, the Machine Tool Lab, and Boardman Hall.

Funding for the plaza has been provided by contributions from the Percent for Art program, and from landscaping funds left over from the construction of the Advanced Manufacturing Center.

The project is now moving forward with the hiring of renowned West Coast sculptor and site plan artist Buster Simpson, whose work ranges from stand-alone gallery sculpture to magnificent parks and creative outdoor spaces encompassing the history, culture and aesthetic considerations of a site.

“He really understands the connection between wonderful public art and the creativity of engineers,” said Dana Humphrey, adding that he has “great confidence that Buster will design a project that will show who we are, what we value, and create a concept that we will be proud of.”

Owen Smith, chair of new media, echoed Dana’s feeling saying that with Buster “we’ve got it right this time.” Smith added that “in the end, we’ll have a project that all people in the University will be happy with and take pride in.”

The artist was chosen from a short list of nationally and internationally renowned artists of which three were selected for phone interviews, followed by selection by committee. The Cloke Plaza Committee includes members from the Maine Art Commission and from departments within UMaine, including: Dana Humphrey (COE), Owen Smith (Art, New Media, Intermedia), Andy Mauery (Art), Elaine Clark (Financial & Administration), and Donna McNeil (Maine Arts Commission).

Although Buster will have artistic freedom to design the project, he’ll be working closely with the committee and various faculty and staff from the COE and UMaine to bring this project to completion.

“The College of Engineering is like one big studio. It’s the best studio I have ever worked in,” remarked Buster as he spoke about the rich resources and knowledge he has found in all of the departments in the College and throughout the University of Maine. “There is a lot of cross pollination that can go on between art and engineering schools. We will create a kind of workshop where we will all work together on this project.”

An active artist since the 1970s, Simpson has worked on major infrastructure projects, site master plans, signature sculptures, museum installations and community projects. Some of his work includes a light rail bridge, sustainable water infrastructure fountains and a campus campanile.

For more information, please visit the artist's website www.bustersimpson.net
The American Council of Engineers (ACEC) of Maine held the 2008 Fall Forum and Engineering Excellence Awards at the University of Maine on November 18 - 19. This marks the first time that the ACEC has held this event at UMaine. A Networking Reception kicked off the event at the Buchanan Alumni House on Nov. 18th, which gave colleagues and faculty an opportunity to network.

The Fall Forum has held on November 19th at the Wells Conference Center. Dana Humphrey, dean of engineering, presented Leadership Training for Young Engineers and Emerging Leaders, which stemmed from the Maine Engineering Leadership Institute seminar that Humphrey has developed. A concurrent panel discussion was also held on Ownership Transition issues that included representatives from Stantec, Wright-Pierce, James W. Sewall, and Credere LLC. Following these sessions, Dean Humphrey held a joint leadership session that taught what constitutes effective teams and allowed participants to grade team performance in their companies.

Educational programs were followed by a display of EEA projects where representatives from each project team made short presentations to engineering students who voted on their favorite projects, independent of the official EEA judging. Woodard and Curran’s Ocean Gateway Project won the Grand Conceptor Award.

Professor Habib Dagher, Director of the Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center (AEWC) at UMaine, made a presentation on the work being done on wood composites at the AEWC. More information on the AEWC can be found on the web at: www.aewc.umaine.edu. Anthony Viselli, onsite manager for Maine Secure Composites, joined Dr. Dagher to talk about how research projects can successfully be put into production. A tour of AEWC followed and concluded the day’s events.

JoAnn Fryer, Branch Manager & Senior Associate for CLD, ACEC Board Member - networking with UMaine Engineering students during lunch.

Five-Year MBA Available for Engineering Students

Who wouldn’t want to earn both their MBA and their engineering degree in five years? Thanks to the Maine Business School, UMaine non-business students now have the opportunity to complete the MBA program in one academic year. This means that engineering students can now earn both their undergraduate engineering degree and an MBA - both in five years. At the College of Engineering this opportunity is becoming a reality for more students.

The School of Engineering Technology has just approved the program for all of its students in all four SET degree programs. In addition, Electrical & Computer Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Chemical & Biological Engineering each have each approved the program for all of their degree programs.
GEM: Girls Engineer Maine!  
A Program of Study to Increase the Number of Women Studying Engineering in Maine

Maine women graduate with degrees in engineering and engineering technology at rates below the national average with the greatest disparity in computer engineering, engineering technology, electrical engineering, and mechanical engineering.

The underrepresentation of women amongst our engineering students has several negative consequences. The most important is a significant lack of diversity in the engineering workforce. Nationwide, women comprise only about 10% of practicing engineers.

Engineers devise and implement solutions for many of society’s greatest challenges ranging from energy to our deteriorating infrastructure to user-friendly electronics. Because of the low representation of women, the engineering profession tends to craft solutions that do not address the needs of the full cross section of our population.

“The primary issue at hand is that senior high school girls do not chose to study engineering even though studies show that they are just as prepared and capable as their male counterparts,” said Dana Humphrey. “The problem is one of perception. The widespread belief among girls - their parents, teachers, and guidance counselors - is that engineering is a man’s profession. As a result, girls receive little or no encouragement to pursue engineering.”

Dana Humphrey has received a grant of $29,000 from the University of Maine System to help change that message by developing effective marketing materials that will open up the ears and minds of these young women to the field of engineering.

The project will be implemented in two phases. Phase I will determine what positive messages about engineering as career choice resonate most with Maine girls and the attitudes of teachers and guidance counselors toward engineering. Surveys developed for the National Science Foundation (NSF) Extraordinary Women Engineers project will be administered in at least six school districts encompassing urban, suburban, and rural settings. National data will also be examined to determine if Maine’s low rate of women graduating with B.S. degrees in engineering is shared with other rural states.

Phase II will use the data collected in Phase I to develop effective marketing materials to influence the career choices of Maine girls, using both print and online, targeting 8th and 11th grade age groups. The objective for the younger group is to open up their minds to possibilities of engineering as a career before they start thinking about college choices. The objective for the older group is to directly influence their choice of a college major. Materials will be distributed to 8th and 11th grade girls and to those teachers and guidance counselors who influence their career choices. Materials will also be distributed to the Girl Scouts, and to the Maine 4-H Science, Engineering and Technology program due to the high participation rate of women in these programs.

We will evaluate the effectiveness of the materials using survey instruments developed by the Assessing Women in Engineering project and plan to submit the final report in June 2009. After completion of the project, the COE, in conjunction with the Maine Engineering Promotion Council, will continue to use the materials and monitor the gender makeup of incoming engineering classes and ultimately of each graduating class to judge the true long-term effectiveness.

We will also use the data gathered as part of this study to form the basis for a much larger NSF proposal to broadly address aspirations of girls from rural areas toward careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.
Maine Researchers Issued Patent for New Retaining Wall Technology

Researchers at the University of Maine have been awarded a patent on new technology that could change waterfront construction methods for both private individuals and large companies looking to build docks, piers, and port facilities.

Using technology developed at UMaine’s AEWC Composites Center, a team of researchers created extruded composite sheet piling panels to be used as retaining walls on waterfront property.

"These materials are intended to replace steel," Dagher said. They are resistant to corrosion even in saltwater and can be made in any color using either new or recycled materials. Each panel is sturdy enough to be driven into the ground, but is light enough to be lifted by one person. The panels easily connect to one another to form a continuous retaining wall or sea wall against almost any landscape.

"This material will outlast traditional materials – steel, concrete and wood," Dagher said. "And unlike pressure treated wood there are no chemicals that can leach into the water."

The sheets are made from wood flour, which can be described as very fine sawdust, and plastic resin from either new, recycled, or a combination of materials.

"At the end of its life, 100 years from now, you can pull these sheets out of the ground and recycle them," Dagher said. "That’s the beauty of it. It’s a product that not only uses recycled material to make, but it can be recycled at the end of its life. It’s a truly green material."

The panels have been tested in the lab and now are ready for commercialization, according to Dagher.

"We are looking to go ahead and commercialize the technology at a larger scale, starting with demo projects and then commercial development by licensing the technology to commercial facilities," Dagher said. "The goal, of course, is to do this in Maine."

Spatial Information Science and Engineering News

Professor Harlan Onsrud was recently appointed by the U.S. National Research Council to serve on the Steering Committee for the U.S. - China Roundtable on Scientific Data Cooperation. He will travel to three locations in China in March along with other members of a U.S. team to explore practical opportunities for increasing the sharing of scientific and technical data between the two nations. He has been asked to make presentations on overcoming barriers to data sharing at each of the stops in Tsingdao, Beijing and Taipei.

An ESRI travel scholarship was awarded to Maria Vasardani for her paper titled "Single-Holed Regions: Their Relations and Inferences" (co-authored with Max Egenhofer) at GIScience 2008, held at Park City, UT. Maria also received the Chase Distinguished Research Award at the University of Maine.

Dr. Worboys received the 2008 University Consortium for Geographic Information Science Research Award for his outstanding accomplishments in the field. He was recognized by the consortium for three highly regarded research papers he published in the 1990s regarding the contributions of computer science to geographic information.

Dr. Nicholas Giudice, a new Assistant Professor in the Department of Spatial Information Science and Engineering and director of the Multimodal Interaction and Spatial Cognition Laboratory, has received two National Science Foundation grants since joining the University in September. The first, titled Spatial Images from Vision, Touch and Hearing in Sighted and Blind ($145,000) is a 3 year grant investigating multimodal spatial learning from visual, tactile and 3-D audio inputs. The second NSF grant is titled CDI-Type II: Collaborative Research: Cyber Enhancement of Spatial Cognition for the Visually Impaired ($276,000), a 4-year grant that aims to develop a portable, low-cost indoor navigation system for people with low-vision.
Edward T. Bryand
Distinguished Engineer Award Ceremony

The College of Engineering at UMaine honored some of its finest at the 29th Annual Edward T. Bryand Recognition Banquet held Friday, November 14, in the Wells Conference Center. Nearly 200 guests gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of esteemed and distinguished engineers, colleagues, students, and staff who have brought distinction to the profession of engineering.

Award
Edward T. Bryand Distinguished Engineering Award
Ashley S. Campbell Award
Early Career Teaching Award
Early Career Award
Leila C. Lowell Award
Graduate Research Assistant Award
Graduate Research Assistant Award
Graduate Assistant Teaching Award

Presented to:
Richard D. Fox
Bruce Segee
Samuel T. Hess
Ali Abedi
Doreen Boutin
Lin Lin
Jixiang Jiang
Michael Mihalco

Department or Affiliation
Chief Executive Officer of CDM
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Engineering Physics
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Advanced Engineered Wood
Composites Center
Mechanical Engineering
Spatial Information Science & Engineering
Engineering Physics

(L to R) Jixiang Jiang, Michael Mihalco, Doreen Boutin, Ali Abedi, Bruce Segee, Richard Fox
(Not Pictured - Lin Lin and Samuel T. Hess)

More information can be found on the web:
www.engineering.umaine.edu
The Engineering Job Fair this year broke all previous records, proving that engineering graduates are in great demand even in the most challenging economic times. Patty Counihan, Director of the Career Center at UMaine, said that this year’s job fair attracted more participants than in the past - 79 companies, 611 students, and 80 volunteers. The participation was a bit less last year, with 63 companies, 438 students, and 50 volunteers.

“Companies come to the Engineering Job Fair to hire UMaine engineering students for co-ops, internships, and full-time jobs and they keep coming back due to the quality of our engineering graduates and to the help that the volunteers provide to them,” said Counihan. “We were so pleased with the number of companies that again participated in the job fair. They come to UMaine because they know that UMaine engineering graduates have received a quality education and are poised to enter into the job market ready to go.”

Students were encouraged to attend this year to get themselves out in front of future employers by a new communication tool called Career Link. The students could send their resumes directly to the companies that they were interested in ahead of time. Students could then meet employers at the job fair who have already received their resumes. Quite a few companies have commented how they have given job offers right at the fair. Others have chosen to schedule job interviews the day after the fair to follow up with prospective employees. All in all, it was a great success for all involved, especially for our graduating engineering students!
On Saturday, October 25th, the College of Engineering - colleagues, former students, and friends - celebrated the esteemed career and contributions of Dr. Wayne Hamilton as this year’s 2008 James and Maureen Gorman Faculty Emeriti Luncheon Honoree.

Dr. Hamilton’s career spanned thirty-seven years from 1960 to 1997 where he taught and mentored a new generation of engineers as an exceptional teacher, as chair of civil engineering, and as the College of Engineering’s first associate dean. Little did he know when he arrived in Orono back in 1960 that he would be staying more than a few years as he had planned. We are grateful to Wayne for all that he has brought - and continues to bring - to the education of engineering students.

Dr. Waldo “Mac” Libbey was honored at the Senior Alumni luncheon on October 24 on the occasion of establishing the Dr. Waldo “Mac” Libbey Professorship in Electrical and Computer Engineering with a bequest to the University of Maine Foundation.
Alumni Reception - Portland, Maine

Alumni gathered for a reception to reconnect with old friends and colleagues held in Portland this past October 30th. The event was sponsored by WBRC Engineers/Architects.

INVESTING IN UMAINE ENGINEERING

UMaine Engineering has a proud tradition, and a reputation for quality and innovation that is made a reality in part by the generous support of alumni, friends and corporations who invest in our students, faculty, research and facilities. We are truly grateful for your support.

As we induct outstanding graduates into the Francis Crowe Society, I am always impressed with the careers, can-do spirit and contributions of UMaine alumni to our society. Dean Dana Humphrey and I welcome the opportunity to hear your personal stories about how the College of Engineering has made a difference in your lives.

Please feel free to contact me to establish a relationship with your alma mater or to reconnect! Through your support for Maine Engineering as a donor or volunteer you are helping the students of today become the leaders of tomorrow.

Thank you!
Warm regards, Pat

Patricia Cummings ‘89, ’44H was promoted to Director of Development for the College of Engineering in 2007. She joined the UMaine Alumni Association in 1993, where she worked in various capacities. As Director of Reunion Giving, Pat assisted class volunteers in raising academic scholarships and capital support for the Buchanan Alumni House and Honors Center renovation. She completed a Planned Giving Fellowship with the University of Maine Foundation in 2005.

Pat received a B.A. in Journalism from UMaine in 1989 and participated in the Bangor Region Leadership Institute in 2004. Pat is proud to have been named an honorary member of the Class of ’44 by members of the greatest generation.

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Check our website for more information on upcoming events at www.engineering.umaine.edu
Alumni Updates

We are starting a new Alumni Update area in our electronic newsletter, website, and magazine thanks to the great letters and emails we have received in response to the latest COE magazine that went out this past October. Thanks to all who took the time to send in their updates and photos!

We would love to hear from you! This is your chance to catch up with former colleagues, friends, and study partners! To sweeten the deal, we would like to offer all who send us their updates an official COE ball cap (as modeled by David Foster) while supplies last.

Send your updates & photos to coe_alumni@umit.maine.edu

Here are updates sent in by your fellow alumni:

I've retired after a rewarding career teaching science and after some time in the Corps of Engineers and as an Ocean Engineer with Sperry Systems Management Division. Retired life has allowed me to pursue my many interests and to be more involved in my local community.

Alan Banister
Mechanical Engineering ‘65

I've now moved to Gig Harbor, Washington, with intention of retiring, but actually still employed part time by Carrier Corporation (UTC), telecommuting to my previous office in Concord, California. I continue to design and specify DDC control systems for HVAC projects in Northern California. Forty-six years, now, in all phases of HVAC construction, sales, and design!

Nick Dann
Mechanical Engineering ‘62

The picture was taken by my wife, Jeannine, on a walk at Wolffs Neck State Park in Freeport with our dog Rio. The picture is just me and Rio on the shoreline with my new Maine Engineering ball cap. And like any good engineer, I still seem to have a pen stuck in the neck of my shirt, even when out on a weekend walk. Professionally I'm currently working as a programmer in the Financials department at Tyler Technologies in Falmouth, but I do a lot of engineering projects on the side, such as recently modifying a compact CNC machine at the Portland Arts and Technical High School to allow control via a Linux PC.

David Foster
Electrical Engineering Technology ‘94

I am retired from Central Maine Power Co in Augusta after 35 years there. I live in Sidney, ME and am involved with UMaineAugusta Senior College. I recommend the Senior College experience for retirees to keep the mind sharp. No longer practicing engineering, my avocation is local history. I keep busy putting together PowerPoint slide shows on local history subjects, that I have presented at local historical societies and at UMASC. I am still able to keep fit by doing hiking, biking and skiing.

Art Ray
Electrical Engineering ‘66

So I guess I helped reverse the so-called Maine Brain Drain, which is a myth—according to Dean Humphrey. The past 20 years consulting paper mills on their Air Systems has been interesting, rewarding and never dull. Although I call my solo operation Maine-ly Air, (pronounced AYUH) most projects have taken me far from Maine.

While the North American Paper Industry has gone through attrition recently, I am very pleased to learn current Pulp/Paper grads easily find jobs in the industry.

David R. Alexander
Mechanical Engineering ‘55
’56 Pulp& Paper Certificate

Currently I am working for the Hershey Company, as a Corporate Packaging Systems Engineer. I have been with the company for 3 yrs now. My groups main objectives are: designing, procuring, and overseeing the install/start-up of packaging lines around the world. We work on a daily basis with vision systems, robotic packaging, and high speed servo wrapping. It's a pretty sweet job.

Kevin Keller
Mechanical Engineering Technology ‘04

I'm a 1989 Grad working at The Hershey Company as a Project Manager.

Marc Soucy
Electrical Engineering Technology ‘89

As for me, after surviving Prof. Dagher's Structural Class, I made a promise to society to NOT design structures. Instead, I have ended up with a career in civil/site design and founded what is now a multi-discipline firm with offices in New York and Connecticut. While I do not consider myself "smart" (the above noted Prof.s might agree with that), I do attribute some drive and effort to a "Maine mentality". There is something good about learning to work through challenges and press toward answers - all while trailing through three feet of snow to get to and from class!

Rod Morrison
Civil Engineering ‘87

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