

# STEM INSPIRATION

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### Who inspired you?

"I had the best high school math teacher in the world. An engineer by trade and graduate of Georgia Tech, he realized early on that his passion for teaching mandated a career change; and boy was it a smart one. He was one of the best teachers I've ever had -- so fun and outgoing. The kind of teacher that would use M&M's to teach probability and statistics and bring in key lime pie every year on Pi Day. Even students who didn't like math looked forward to his classes. Indeed, I always left his class entertained and more knowledgeable. But he wasn't just smart and fun; he had a genuine love for his students, too. Whether he was offering office hours before a big exam or sponsoring our school's Academic Team, he desired nothing more than to see his students succeed. He was a very kind-hearted man and I admired him for many reasons. He first introduced me to engineering as a career field and ultimately inspired me to pursue an engineering degree."

### Education

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering with a Minor in Computational Mathematics, Florida Institute of Technology

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