



NCSITE Mentoring Program

Mentor Resume:

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Educational Background:

- BS in Civil Engineering (NC State)
- Masters in Civil Engineering (NC State)

Work Background:

- 26 years of experience in transportation engineering including 4.5 years of Operations and Business Development
- Current, Chief Operating Officer for LJB Engineering. Been with LJB since Feb 2022.

Career Volunteer Background:

- NCSITE Section Director, Secretary, Vice President, President, Past President
- SDITE Section Rep and Co-Chair of the SDITE Annual Meeting Committee; Co-chair of the 2024 SDITE Annual Meeting in Wilmington, NC
- Chair (1 year) and Vice Chair (2 years) during my 6 years on the City of Raleigh Parks, Recreation, and Greenway Advisory Board
- Member of the Town of Clayton Park & Rec Advisory Board
- ACEC-NC Executive Leaders Forum

What's different about me:

- Spent part of my career in both the public and private sectors.
- Worked in multiple states and have completed projects and negotiated contracts in most states in the Southeast
- Worked for all of the various client types (NCDOT, municipal, developer, etc) all of the time and enjoy having a wide variety of project sizes going on at any given time.
- Works in all different types of transportation services: started in roadway and drainage, transitions to traffic design and analysis, and then settled on transportation and corridor planning before moving more into Operations. Even though most of my time is now spent in Operations, I also like to have technical roles. I do consider myself a 'Plangineer.'

What I can offer to a Protégé:

- Can provide a lot of different perspectives from working in different sectors to different business lines to the actual business. I would like to see more done for the overall industry and not by individual company or client. We need to think of the greater good and I can provide my insights on that and how we can achieve ways to make our industry better as whole.

I attribute my success to the following:

- Building relationships within the industry that will last and go beyond the office or conferences. I have a vast network due to the relationships I have made over the last 30 years.
- Try to do whatever I can to lead and inspire, and to explain the why as everything has a reason.
- Believe that the best thing that we can do for all employees in the industry is to find the crosshairs between what people like to do and what they are good at.

Other Passions/Hobbies/Interests:

- I am an avid bicyclist and a member of the Oaks and Spokes in Raleigh.
- Hiking, travel, watching sports, all things NC State