Life after Graduation
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What to expect…

• Tons of opportunities!
• Get a global feel…don’t pigeonhole yourself
• Dream big and try not to get wrapped up in the bureaucracy
Take Ownership

• Dress and Appearance
• Personal Finance
• Mentorship – Find multiple for interests
• Career Path – Take Charge!
  – No stupid questions
• Personal Reading List
Traits vs. Skills

- Personality traits (the style)
  - How you deal with things
- Transferable skills (the what/how)
Traits vs. Skills

• Time Management is a critical skill
• Communication is a skill (on the phone, meetings, writing, etc.)
• Question to your mentors?
  – What are the key skills and traits that you look for in a young professional?
Advanced Degrees/Certifications

• When…not if
• Opportunities in the Military
• Opportunities in the private sector
• Should I get an MBA?
• PE is worth the investment even if you don’t use it
• PMP, LEED also add credibility
Professional Societies

• Opportunity to network with a diverse group (military, civilian, public, private, multi-discipline)
• Opportunity for continuous learning
• Opportunity to make a difference in someone else’s life!
• Leadership opportunities for Students and Young Members both locally and nationally
• Awards and recognition programs
• ROI (Students – FREE!; $40/year for YMs)
The Value of Networking

- Your high school GPA means nothing
- Your career opportunities will come from two things
  - Your skills
  - Your network
- Networking takes work and follow-up but there are tools to help
  - LinkedIn, Virtual Student Chapter
Virtual Student Chapter

• Invitation link  

• Homepage  https://same-virtual.slack.com

• App store Slack and join SAME Virtual
Recap/Questions

- Dream big
- Take Ownership
- Skills vs. traits
- Advanced degrees
- Professional Society benefits
- Networking