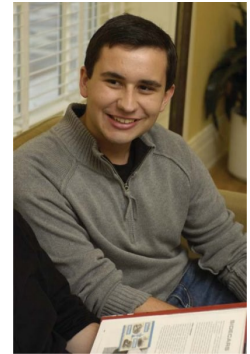




Where are they now?

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New Jersey State Winner
2007



Enhancing Bioremediation of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon
Contaminated Sediments from Kearny Marsh, New Jersey
(2007)

What are you doing now?



Since finishing my undergraduate education, I have been working at AECOM as an engineer in the Water part of our business. I assist project managers in running our projects which focus on drinking water treatment, wastewater treatment, and stormwater—from planning to construction. I also help run our quality management program and coordinate safety protocols for our office. Recently, I took on a role in my company's transportation group for part of my time where I am Deputy Quality Assurance Manager on a large rail project. I hope to move into a project quality management position within the Water group after I develop more experience in this area.

I have been involved with selecting the Chesapeake Water Environment Association's (MD-DC-DE) SJWP contestant for 2 years and am excited to serve on the national SJWP committee as well.

How did the SJWP competition effect, or influence you?

SJWP opened many doors for me. It helped me to realize that environmental engineering would be a good career choice for me. The experience of having my research reviewed and published was very rewarding. Ultimately, I received a full merit scholarship to the Johns Hopkins University, largely due to my SJWP project. My WEF-published research from SJWP proudly hangs at my desk!

Would you care to give a testimonial about the SJWP?

Sure, I would encourage every student considering applying for the SJWP to give it a shot. My experience with research in high school began with looking at a journal article that I thought was over my head, and emailing the professor who wrote it. He became my mentor for my SJWP project and suggested that I looking into Johns Hopkins University for school. Give it a shot!