

Purdue CEGSAC 2025 Emerging Leader

Brandon Hardin, MSCE, P.E., S.I., CPESC



CEGSAC is pleased to announce Brandon Hardin, Purdue MSCE 2019 as the CEGSAC 2025 Emerging Leader! He has demonstrated excellence in the areas of transportation engineering, construction, and project management. He has made a great impact in industry and despite his young age has become a valuable team member. We believe Brandon is poised for fantastic success in the transportation engineering field and beyond.

Brandon Hardin completed his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering degree from the Lyles School of Civil and Construction Engineering in 2017 and earned his Masters of Science in Civil Engineering degree with a concentration in Transportation Engineering in 2019.

Following graduation from Purdue, Brandon worked as an Estimator and Project Manager for E&B Paving. In this role, he specialized in managing timelines for grade shaping, drainage, and asphalt projects. Since 2022, Brandon has worked as an operational excellence manager for Irving Materials Incorporated (imi). In this role he works directly with business leaders to streamline the decision-making process. Most notably in developing Key Performance Indicators (KPI) that record the company's progress toward their goals. Brandon is a licensed Professional Engineer in Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee, and Kentucky. In addition, he is a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control, and a Sadler Silver Level Certified Sales Professional.

While at Purdue, Brandon was both an undergraduate and graduate teaching assistant. As a graduate teaching assistant, he taught and served as a laboratory aid in CE203 Principles and Practices of Geomatics, CE303 Engineering Surveying, and CE361 Transportation Engineering. As an undergraduate student, Brandon mentored first-year engineering students in ENGR 131/132 Transforming Ideas into Innovation. In addition to his service in the classroom, Brandon also worked as a Graduate Research Assistant in the Purdue Joint Transportation Research Program with Professor Darcy Bullock. As a student at Purdue, Brandon received the Nellie Munson Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, the Eldon J. Yoder Memorial Award for transportation engineering, and the Skillman Undergraduate Transportation Award. Brandon was also named one of the 2021 Conexus Indiana Rising 30.