

# Purdue CEGSAC 2026 Emerging Leader

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CEGSAC is pleased to announce Mayren Mata as the 2026 Emerging Leader! Mayren has demonstrated fantastic engineering work and service to the community while at Thornton Tomasetti. Some projects of interest she has contributed to were on the Northwestern University Biomedical Research Building, the Obama Presidential Center, and Notre Dame's McKenna Hall. In addition, Mayren dedicates time to developing young engineers and women engineers. Mayren is involved in Professional Women in Construction's mentorship committee, she is a mentor in the ADEPT program, was a team leader in the ACE mentorship program for several years and is active in the recruiting efforts for TT-Chicago. We at Purdue CEGSAC believe Mayren Mata is an emerging leader poised for even more fantastic achievements in structural engineering and beyond.

Mayren earned a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from the Lyles School of Civil and Construction Engineering in 2014 where she researched under the guidance of Dr. Julio Ramirez. Before studying at Purdue, she earned a Bachelor of Science in bridge engineering from Colorado State University. Upon graduating from Purdue, Mayren joined Thornton Tomasetti's Chicago office where she has served as a Structural Engineer for over 11 years. She holds her S.E. license in the state of Illinois and P.E. license in the state of Michigan. Mayren plays an active role in the coordination, management, and design of various structure types. Her portfolio includes projects in a variety of market sectors, including residential, cultural, higher education, and healthcare. She has experience designing medical research laboratories and hospitals on tight urban sites.

Please join CEGSAC for the Emerging Leader lecture and award presentation at 4:30pm on February 3, in Hampton Hall room 1144. Reception to follow.