

## NASCC 2015 Direct Connect

### Embarking upon a Career

- Graduate!
- Intern
  - This provides you the opportunity to get to know the company.
  - This provides the company an opportunity to get to know you.
- Engage in any activities you can in order to gain access to industry leaders in the area you are interested in.
  - AISC
  - ASCE
  - Your local SEA's
- Tap into resources such as recruiters.
- Attend events such as this.
  - Network, network, network
- Research companies and people (publications, websites).
  - Be knowledgeable at the interview.
  - Know the company AND the people.
  - Always leave with asking for the job
  - Follow up with a hand written thank you note and a phone call
  - Stay positive; even if it does not work out, you will very likely run into that person/firm again
- Use social networking
  - LinkedIn
  - Facebook
  - Note, be discretionary. Sites are "social", but do speak to you as a person.
  - Companies are now utilizing networking sites for business purposes, and are linked to individuals. Be discretionary.
- Make contacts, follow up with resumes, continue discussions (follow up)
- Let your personality shine in an interview. Most companies are interviewing people, not computers.