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## Charles Loughman named 2017 Young Engineer of the Year

Charles Loughman has been selected as the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers (Western Chapter) 2017 Young Engineer of the Year. He will be formally recognized at the 2017 Engineers Week Luncheon at 11:30 am on February 23, 2017 at the Downtown Marriott Muehlebach Tower in Kansas City.

Born in Texas and raised Kansas, Charles received his undergraduate degree in civil engineering from Kansas State University. During his time at Kansas State University, he was heavily involved in leadership and philanthropic activities for the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) student chapter and Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. Charles served as chapter secretary and attended multiple ASCE joint conference with the University of Kansas student chapter.

Also during his time as an undergraduate, Charles held internships with Selective Site Consultants as a structural analyst for wireless communications towers and at the City of Olathe, Kansas. Upon undergraduate graduation, Charles decided to continue his studies at Kansas State University by taking Graduate Research Assistant position in the Civil Engineering Department. His research revolved around developing statistical based climate models to help predict future aquifer levels in the Ogallala aquifer in western Kansas. After completing his masters in Water Resource Civil Engineering, Charles joined Wilson & Company in 2011 as in Intern Engineer in the Infrastructure, Development, Stormwater Department.

In his five years in the engineering profession and at Wilson & Company, he has served as a design and construction consultant from stormwater, dam, levee, and roadway projects in Kansas, Missouri, Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. Charles worked as the assistant project manager in the Aurora CMP Condition Assessment that provided condition analysis and rehabilitation recommendations for all CMPs in the City of Aurora, Colorado.

He is a registered engineer in Kansas, Missouri, and Colorado.

He serves as a Chapter Director and Communications Chair for the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers. He also provides assistance in membership and bridge building philanthropic activities. He stays active in the Knights of Columbus for Holy Trinity Catholic Church and referees youth soccer for the Heartland Soccer Association.