

Dear _____,

My name is John Tompkins and I would like to invite your company to be part of my class's series of panel discussions on careers in civil engineering.

If your company hasn't visited my classroom before, I teach a professionalization class for sophomore civil engineers. One of the goals of the class is to introduce the students to specialties in the field and opportunities for beginning their careers. The class is a core class, so all civil engineers are required to take it. I hope you can be involved in this process and take the opportunity to interact with our students.

If you have been to my class before, this semester will be organized differently. You'll still be visiting the class, but rather than a presentation, you will be part of a panel of engineers from various companies who can hold a conversation about their experiences in the field. I will start our talk with some basic questions and go from there; I find that students are more willing to get involved with a conversation already in progress. We will also have time after the class for you to speak with students on an individual basis.

Whether you are new to the class or not, please consult the following schedule. If you would like to send representatives to a session, I ask that you let me know no later than a month prior to the day so I can arrange parking passes. Also, please send me two (2) slides describing you and your company so I can project them during our panel. All classes are Monday at 10:30am Indiana time, in the Robert E. Heine Pharmacy Building, Room 172.

Schedule

| Date | Topic |
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| August 21 | Engineering Careers and Employment |
| August 28 | Architectural |
| September 11 | Construction |
| September 18 | Environmental |
| September 25 | Geomatics |
| October 2 | Geotechnical |
| October 16 | Hydraulic/Hydrologic |
| October 23 | Materials |
| October 30 | Structures (Bridges) |
| November 6 | Structures (Buildings) |
| November 13 | Transportation |
| November 20 | Site/Civil |
| November 27 | Forensics |
| December 4 | Right-of-Way/Public Sector |

If you have any questions or for further conversation, please email me at jctompki@purdue.edu