

Life after Graduation

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What to expect...

- Tons of opportunities!
- Get a global feel...don't pigeonhole yourself
- Dream big and try not to get wrapped up in the bureaucracy

Take Ownership

- Dress and Appearance
- Personal Finance
- Mentorship – Find multiple for interests
- Career Path – Take Charge!
 - No stupid questions
- Personal Reading List

Traits vs. Skills

- Personality traits (the style)
 - How you deal with things
- Transferable skills (the what/how)



- Persevering
- Persistent
- Pioneering
- Practical
- Professional
- Protective
- Punctual
- Quick/work quick
- Rational
- Realistic
- Reliable
- Resourceful
- Responsible
- Responsive
- Safeguarding
- Self-motivated
- Self-reliant
- Sensitive
- Sophisticated, ve
- sophisticated
- Strong
- Supportive
- Tactful
- Thorough
- Unique
- Unusual
- Versatile
- Vigorous

Traits vs. Skills

- Time Management is a critical skill
- Communication is a skill (on the phone, meetings, writing, etc.)
- Question to your mentors?
 - What are the key skills and traits that you look for in a young professional?

Advanced Degrees/Certifications

- When...not if
- Opportunities in the Military
- Opportunities in the private sector
- Should I get an MBA?
- PE is worth the investment even if you don't use it
- PMP, LEED also add credibility

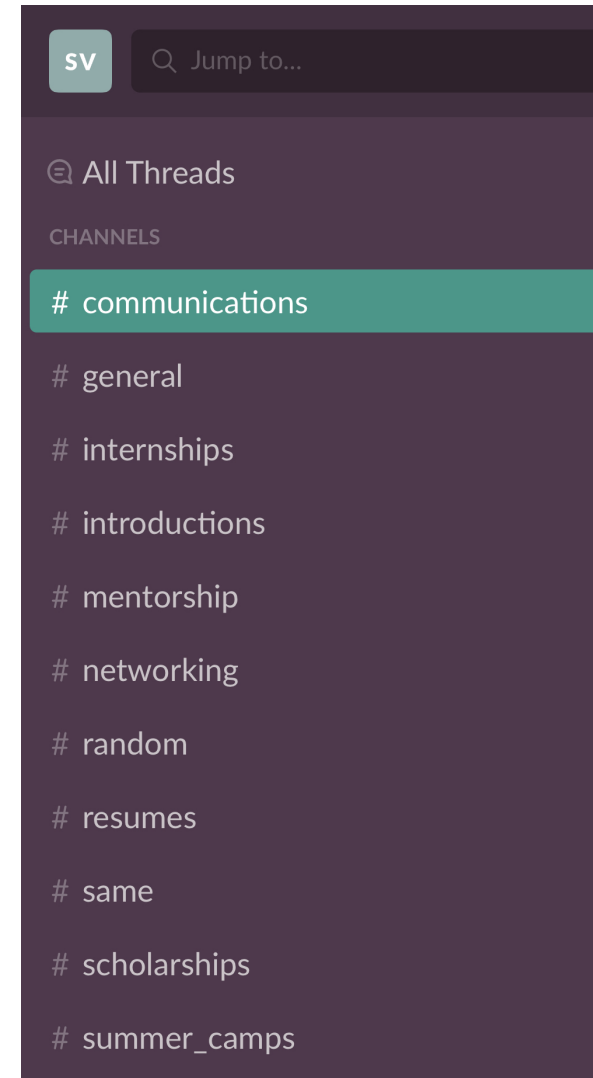
Professional Societies

- Opportunity to network with a diverse group (military, civilian, public, private, multi-discipline)
- Opportunity for continuous learning
- Opportunity to make a difference in someone else's life!
- Leadership opportunities for Students and Young Members both locally and nationally
- Awards and recognition programs
- ROI (Students – FREE!; \$40/year for YMs)

The Value of Networking

- Your high school GPA means nothing
- Your career opportunities will come from two things
 - Your skills
 - Your network
- Networking takes work and follow-up but there are tools to help
 - LinkedIn, Virtual Student Chapter

- Invitation link
<http://bit.ly/same-vsc>
- Homepage <https://same-virtual.slack.com>
- App store Slack and join SAME Virtual



Recap/Questions

- Dream big
- Take Ownership
- Skills vs. traits
- Advanced degrees
- Professional Society benefits
- Networking