



2008-2009 Peer Mentor Information

Welcome to MSOE! Our MSOE mentors and peer mentors look forward to meeting and working with you. Here is some information from your peer mentors; students who recently have been in your shoes.



Hassan Al Yagoub

Junior
Mechanical Engineering
Hometown: Qatif, Saudi Arabia
What he likes about MSOE:
• The people
• The challenge
• The city

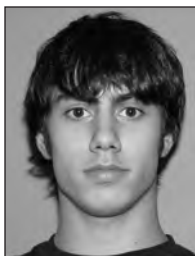


Allyse Brost

Sophomore
Architectural Engineering
Hometown: Neenah, Wis.
What she likes about MSOE:
• Small class sizes
• Friendliness of staff and faculty
• Ability to take major classes as a freshman

Martin Anderson

Sophomore
Biomedical Engineering
Hometown: Berkeley, Ill.
What he likes about MSOE:
• Involvement in major-related sciences
• Small classes
• Good relationships with faculty



Sara Casper

Sophomore
Biomedical Engineering
Hometown: West Bend, Wis.
What she likes about MSOE:
• The small campus
• The variety and number of campus activities
• The people



AnnMarie Axarlis

Sophomore
Biomedical Engineering
Hometown: Cary, Ill.
What she likes about MSOE:
• The friendly people
• The positive atmosphere
• The large number of campus activities



Michael Cerny

Junior
Mechanical Engineering
Hometown: Mt. Prospect, Ill.
What he likes about MSOE:
• The strong academics
• The great job placement
• Rowing

Ryan Barnett

Sophomore
Computer Engineering
Hometown: Menomonie, Wis.
What he likes about MSOE:
• Small class sizes
• Opportunities
• Professors



Jeffrey Chan

Senior+
Architectural Engineering
Hometown: Beaverton, Ore.
What he likes about MSOE:
• The Architectural Engineering program and its faculty
• The Learning Resource Center and Student Support Services departments
• Small community atmosphere



Caitlin Berigan

Junior
Nursing
Hometown: Stillwater, Minn.
What she likes about MSOE:
• Free stuff!
• Small class sizes
• Student involvement



Brittney Christensen

Senior+
Industrial Engineering
Hometown: Waterford, Wis.
What she likes about MSOE:
• Lots to do downtown and in school
• Great people: students, professors, staff
• Small class sizes and caring professors

Jacob Bolda

Junior
Architectural Engineering
Hometown: Butte des Morts, Wis.
What he likes about MSOE:
• Small class size
• Challenging and specialized courses and the excellent placement rate
• Industry should seem like a breeze compared to MSOE



Kelly Costello

Junior
Architectural Engineering
Hometown: Westchester, Ill.
What she likes about MSOE:
• The great teachers
• The amount of hands-on lab experience
• The small school community in a downtown location





Jacob Cramer

Senior
 Mechanical Engineering
 Hometown: Boulder, Colo.
 What he likes about MSOE:
 • The challenges presented both in and out of the classroom
 • The great number of opportunities to get involved
 • The people



Ronald Domingo

Junior
 Architectural Engineering
 Hometown: Long Grove, Ill.
 What he likes about MSOE:
 • Small class size
 • Caring faculty

Matthew Cummings

Sophomore
 Software Engineering
 Hometown: Waukesha, Wis.
 What he likes about MSOE:
 • The courses in my major
 • The many student activities and events
 • The ease in finding other students with shared interests



Patrick Donlan

Sophomore
 Software Engineering
 Hometown: Hillsboro, Wis.
 What he likes about MSOE:
 • The small class sizes
 • The ability to take courses in your major
 • The fun student organizations



Steven DeCraene

Sophomore
 Mechanical Engineering
 Hometown: Woodstock, Ill.
 What he likes about MSOE:
 • The small class sizes
 • The dedicated professors
 • The strong major core classes



Tyler Drouin

Junior
 Architectural Engineering
 Hometown: Richland, Mich.
 What he likes about MSOE:
 • Small community
 • City life
 • Personable faculty

Ryan Dedrickson

Sophomore
 Mechanical Engineering
 Hometown: Eau Claire, Wis.
 What he likes about MSOE:
 • The small class sizes
 • The community atmosphere on campus
 • The hands-on learning experience



Linnea Elliott

Sophomore
 Mechanical Engineering
 Hometown: LaFox, Ill.
 What she likes about MSOE:
 • The small class sizes
 • The helpful faculty
 • The size, location, and friendliness of the campus



Ashley Degner

Senior
 Architectural Engineering
 Hometown: Spooner, Wis.
 What she likes about MSOE:
 • The great opportunities to learn
 • Great friends
 • The number of available campus activities



Richard Franklin

Sophomore
 Architectural Engineering/Construction Management
 Hometown: Milwaukee, Wis.
 What he likes about MSOE:
 • The high level of learning
 • The helpful faculty
 • The campus

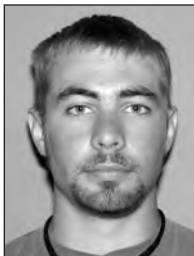
Heather Delany

Senior+
 Architectural Engineering
 Hometown: West Bend, Wis.
 What she likes about MSOE:
 • Knowing your professors; they know you, too
 • Downtown Milwaukee location
 • Program quality



Amber Frick

Junior
 Architectural Engineering/Construction Management
 Hometown: Clinton, Ill.
 What she likes about MSOE:
 • Free food and "stuff"
 • Small class size
 • The help available



Lloyd Devenport

Sophomore
 Mechanical Engineering
 Hometown: Saukville, Wis.
 What he likes about MSOE:
 • The small size
 • The available expertise in my field of study
 • The focus on the individual needs of each student



Allison Friedli

Senior
 Architectural Engineering
 Hometown: Oak Creek, Wis.
 What she likes about MSOE:
 • The fun students
 • The potential for a great career
 • The university's good reputation



Dale Garfield

Sophomore
 Architectural Engineering
 Hometown: Marshfield, Wis.
 What he likes about MSOE:

- The available help
- The helpful faculty
- The university's good reputation



Ben Holter

Sophomore
 Mechanical Engineering
 Hometown: Dodgeville, Wis.
 What he likes about MSOE:

- The small student / teacher ratio
- The downtown location
- The many opportunities MSOE makes available to students

Jeremiah Gillis

Sophomore
 Electrical Engineering
 Hometown: Milwaukee, Wis.
 What he likes about MSOE:

- The helpful atmosphere
- The major classes taken as a freshman
- Labs that involve "hands-on" experiences that enhance the theory learned in class



Eric Jensen

Junior
 Biomedical Engineering
 Hometown: Racine, Wis.
 What he likes about MSOE:

- Small class size
- Know teachers personally
- There's always help if you need it



Kadiatou Guiro

Senior +
 Electrical Engineering
 Hometown: Ouagadougou, Burkina-Faso, Africa
 What she likes about MSOE:

- The Electrical Engineering Program
- The close friends made
- The innovative programs



Emily Johnson

Sophomore
 Technical Communication
 Hometown: Oshkosh, Wis.
 What she likes about MSOE:

- The helpful and friendly faculty and staff
- Taking classes and labs in your major as a freshman
- The downtown location

Brian Head

Senior
 Biomedical Engineering
 Hometown: Chilton, Wis.
 What he likes about MSOE:

- Small size of the campus
- Access to professors
- University's reputation in the business community



Mason Josie

Junior
 Industrial Engineering
 Hometown: Manawa, Wis.
 What he likes about MSOE:

- The atmosphere and feeling of community
- People always willing to help
- Location in Wisconsin



Jeremy Heim

Sophomore
 Architectural Engineering
 Hometown: Lansing, Ill.
 What he likes about MSOE:

- The downtown location
- The small student / teacher ratio
- The university's reputation in the professional world



Prakhar Kapoor

Junior
 Biomedical Engineering
 Hometown: New Delhi, India
 What he likes about MSOE:

- Faculty and staff are helpful and know students by name
- Small class size with challenging studies
- In the heart of Milwaukee, safe and close to everything

Hannah Holcomb

Sophomore
 Architectural Engineering
 Hometown: Orfordville, Wis.
 What she likes about MSOE:

- The smallness and friendliness of the campus
- The many available activities and organizations
- The downtown location



Emily Knowlen

Senior+
 Architectural Engineering / Construction Management
 Hometown: River Falls, Wis.
 What she likes about MSOE:

- Great friends
- Professors care about me and are always willing to help
- Fast-paced, challenging atmosphere





Zach Kremer

Senior
 Architectural Engineering
 Hometown: DeForest, Wis.
 What he likes about MSOE:
 • Delta Sigma Phi fraternity
 • Placement
 • Teachers – willingness to help



Will Mak

Senior
 Architectural Engineering
 Hometown: Wilmette, Ill.
 What he likes about MSOE:
 • Small class size
 • No teaching assistants
 • High placement rate

Jeremy Kundert

Junior
 Mechanical Engineering
 Hometown: Janesville, Wis.
 What he likes about MSOE:
 • Small classes
 • Academic-focused classes
 • Helpfulness between students



Chris Maramba

Senior
 Industrial Engineering
 Hometown: Lockport, Ill.
 What he likes about MSOE:
 • Small class size
 • Individual attention by faculty
 • Location downtown and near Lake Michigan



Matt Kundert

Sophomore
 Mechanical Engineering
 Hometown: Janesville, Wis.
 What he likes about MSOE:
 • Small enough to enable professors to get to know you
 • The quarter system
 • The high placement rate



Tony Marzetta

Sophomore
 Architectural Engineering/Construction Management
 Hometown: Peru, Ill.
 What he likes about MSOE:
 • The helpful faculty and staff
 • The many upperclassmen who are willing to help freshmen get adjusted and settled
 • The great number of free activities available to students

Paul Leidig

Sophomore
 Architectural Engineering
 Hometown: Hoffman Estates, Ill.
 What he likes about MSOE:
 • The many extra-curricular activities
 • The ability to earn a degree in four years
 • The challenge of the curriculum



Jeremy Matthews

Junior
 Architectural Engineering
 Hometown: Brookfield, Wis.
 What he likes about MSOE:
 • Strong academic reputation entails a bright future for students
 • Challenging but worthwhile coursework
 • Free events and free stuff



Shawn Lenagh

Senior
 Mechanical Engineering
 Hometown: Farmington, Minn.
 What he likes about MSOE:
 • Attending hockey games at the Kern Center
 • Small class size
 • All of the “free stuff”



Patrick McLane

Junior
 International Business
 Hometown: Gurnee, Ill.
 What he likes about MSOE:
 • The small school atmosphere
 • The willingness of the Student Activities staff to help students start new clubs and plan activities
 • All of the free items provided by Student Activities

Amie Maennena

Senior
 Construction Management
 Hometown: Zion, Ill.
 What she likes about MSOE:
 • Clubs and organizations
 • Small classes
 • Assistance programs such as Peer Mentoring, LRC and TRiO



April Miller

Sophomore
 Electrical Engineering
 Hometown: Maplewood, Minn.
 What she likes about MSOE:
 • The close-knit campus community
 • The downtown location
 • Many great opportunities are available





Mike Miller

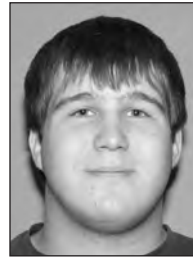
Senior

Computer Engineering

Hometown: Ogden, Utah

What he likes about MSOE:

- Industry connection
- Small classes
- Free food, t-shirts, movie passes, etc. from Student Activities



Tim Paladin

Sophomore

Mechanical Engineering

Hometown: Orland Hills, Ill.

What he likes about MSOE:

- The sense of community on campus
- The very organized staff and the advanced curriculum
- The campus resources available to students

Jon Neujahr

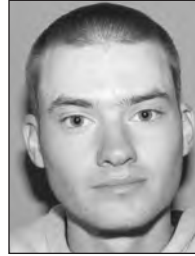
Junior

Mechanical Engineering

Hometown: Appleton, Wis.

What he likes about MSOE:

- Friendly professors
- Small class size
- Technology use on campus



Jeremiah Patrick

Sophomore

Computer Engineering

Hometown: Milwaukee, Wis.

What he likes about MSOE:

- The people
- The academic challenge
- MAGE – a student organization



Matthew Nowak

Junior

Architectural Engineering/Construction Management

Hometown: Minot, N.D.

What he likes about MSOE:

- Friendly faculty
- Friendly students
- Use of the Kern Center



Seth Pollen

Sophomore

Software Engineering

Hometown: Waukesha, Wis.

What he likes about MSOE:

- The small size
- The engaging classes – a great deal is learned
- The many student organizations and volunteer opportunities

Kaitlyn Oakley

Junior

Nursing

Hometown: West Allis, Wis.

What she likes about MSOE:

- Diversity of students, faculty, and staff
- Large number of available student organizations
- Downtown Milwaukee location



Cameron Rate

Sophomore

Electrical Engineering

Hometown: Theresa, Wis.

What he likes about MSOE:

- The close friends
- Small class sizes
- That there is no time for boredom!



Megan O'Connor

Sophomore

Biomedical Engineering

Hometown: Bartlett, Ill.

What she likes about MSOE:

- The good friends
- The many school-sponsored activities and student organizations
- The downtown location



Kyle Rate

Senior

Mechanical Engineering

Hometown: Allenton, Wis.

What he likes about MSOE:

- Small campus
- Focused curriculum
- Helpful and accessible staff

Ryan Osiecki

Sophomore

Architectural Engineering

Hometown: New Berlin, Wis.

What he likes about MSOE:

- That my academic major will enable me to make a difference in the community
- The downtown location
- The small campus and small class sizes



Amanda Reda

Junior

Nursing

Hometown: Madison, Wis.

What she likes about MSOE:

- Helpful professors
- Friendly atmosphere
- Numerous, welcoming organizations





Chris Reininger

Sophomore
 Architectural Engineering
 Hometown: Fenton, Mo.
 What he likes about MSOE:

- The small class sizes
- Quality faculty who care about students
- The absence of graduate teaching assistants



Maria Soto

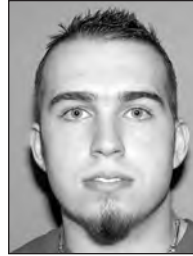
Senior
 Biomedical Engineering
 Hometown: Rialto, Calif.
 What she likes about MSOE:

- The location - Milwaukee is a fun city!
- Small university feel
- Faculty who know your name and genuinely care about their students

Taylor Roehr

Sophomore
 Electrical Engineering
 Hometown: Sussex, Wis.
 What he likes about MSOE:

- The students
- The coursework
- The campus environment



Jason Stiebs

Sophomore
 Management Information Systems
 Hometown: Waupaca, Wis.
 What he likes about MSOE:

- The ability to graduate in four years
- The small class sizes
- The great downtown location



Shea Rollins

Junior
 Nursing
 Hometown: Cedarburg, Wis.
 What she likes about MSOE:

- The small class sizes
- The opportunities for student involvement
- All of the "free stuff" provided by Student Activities



Edward Stoginski

Senior
 Software Engineering
 Hometown: Tinley Park, Ill.
 What he likes about MSOE:

- Hands-on experience
- Small class size
- Accessibility of professors

Eric Schmidt

Sophomore
 Architectural Engineering
 Hometown: Kaukauna, Wis.
 What he like most about MSOE:

- The downtown location
- Variety of classes
- Small campus



Jeff Thiel

Senior
 Architectural Engineering
 Hometown: Chilton, Wis.
 What he likes about MSOE:

- Classes are very useful and pertinent to a student's major
- Small class size
- It's a tightly woven community with a "team atmosphere"



Joshua Schultz

Senior +
 Architectural Engineering
 Hometown: Oconomowoc, Wis.
 What he likes about MSOE:

- The great faculty, staff and students – their attitudes and abilities are amazing
- The downtown location
- The challenging classes that ask you to think critically and become a problem solver



Finny Thomas

Sophomore
 Mechanical Engineering
 Hometown: Gurnee, Ill.
 What he likes about MSOE:

- The small classes
- The pace of classes
- Great labs

Andrew Smith

Junior
 Mechanical Engineering
 Hometown: Cary, Ill.
 What he likes about MSOE:

- Many faculty are professionals in their fields of study
- There is a place or group available for every type of personality
- Cheering for the hockey team!



Louis Vanden Bush

Senior
 Architectural Engineering
 Pulaski, Wis.
 What he likes about MSOE:

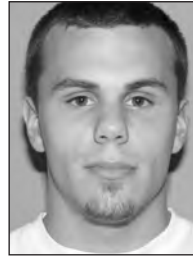
- A lot to get involved in
- The challenge
- Small classes that help create a close community





Daniel Vander Zanden

Sophomore
 Electrical Engineering
 Kaukauna, Wis.
 What he likes about MSOE:
 • The small class sizes
 • The helpful faculty and staff
 • The Kern Center

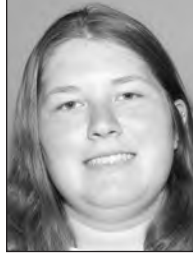


Alexander Voigt

Junior
 Electrical Engineering
 Hometown: Oconomowoc, Wis.
 What he likes about MSOE:
 • The small class sizes
 • The small campus
 • The friendly staff

Sara Vanderlin

Junior
 Mechanical Engineering
 Fond du Lac, Wis.
 What she likes about MSOE:
 • Small class size
 • Professors know you by name
 • Professors really care about you



Adam Wojcik

Senior
 Construction Management
 Hometown: Long Prairie, Minn.
 What he likes about MSOE:
 • Quality of the education
 • The atmosphere
 • Helpful professors



Caleb Varner

Sophomore
 Biomedical Engineering
 New Richmond, Wis.
 What he likes about MSOE:
 • Small class sizes
 • Helpful faculty, staff and students
 • Major classes in freshman year curriculum



Elizabeth Zakelj

Senior+
 Architectural Engineering/Construction Management
 Hometown: Stow, Ohio
 What she likes about MSOE:
 • The people
 • The availability and variety of student organizations
 • Small campus and classes – sense of community

Akshat Vasudev

Senior
 Computer Engineering
 Hometown: New Delhi, India
 What he likes about MSOE:
 • Loads of free food
 • Fun activities
 • Well balanced between academics and fun

