Alumni Spotlight

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Who was your favorite lecturer and why?

One of my favorite lecturers is Professor Terry. She knew how to portray complex problems and ideas so that all students could understand them. She made sure that she did enough problems in class so that when faced with a similar problem, students had the ability to reach back and grasp certain information to use to solve new problems. Professor Terry did a great job at getting the students to participate and be involved in the classroom, which helps many students understand the material better. She not only was a great lecturer and teacher, she was also a great mentor through my studies at UWGB.

What is your best advice to current UWGB students?

Never give up on your dreams. UWGB is a great community that can help encourage and get you where you need to go, use it and then give back.

What advice would you give to future Mechanical Engineering Technology alumni when they graduate?

Always keep learning. Engineering is a profession and knowledge is everything.

Did you enjoy your time at UWGB?

Although I did not get to participate in as much campus activities as I would have liked, I can honestly say I thoroughly enjoyed my time at UWGB. I met some great individuals who have been a positive influence on my life and my studies. The only extra-curricular activity I could participate in was the Engineering Club. I was ecstatic to hear that UWGB was starting a club. I thought it was a great way to get the engineering students to work with each other. Although being a new club, we didn’t get to do anything magnificent; I do feel like we got a great foothold on some activities that could happen in future years to come.

What is your lasting impression of UWGB?

My lasting impression of UWGB is that it is such a supportive community. Not only are the teachers there to help you understand and learn but many of them go above and beyond to help you succeed not only in educational matters but in personal matters as well. I have learned so much at UWGB and it has better shaped me as a person to be more accepting and understanding and help others in need.

What do you do for a living now?

I am currently working as a Project Engineer at Essco Incorporated. I was working for Essco while I was attending UWGB and upon completion of my degree, I was promoted to Project Engineer.