

CMSA Alumni of The Month

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Charlie Janssen '15



KRAUS-ANDERSON®



Charlie Janssen graduated from the MSU-Mankato Construction Management program in 2015. Charlie grew up in Forest Lake, MN and now currently resides in St. Paul, MN. Charlie has been surrounded by construction his whole life. He got his start in the industry because of the influence of multiple family members who also work in construction. Charlie currently works for Kraus-Anderson as a Project Manager and has been with them for the past four years.

Q: Why did you choose MSU-Mankato? Tell us about your experience in the CM program.

A: *"I transferred from St. Cloud State and chose Mankato State for the Construction Management program specifically. Estimating was the most helpful class; we used the same software at school as I have in the industry. Dr. Diab was the most influential professor I had; he was the professor for the majority of my classes. I participated in the annual golf classic and clay shoots put on by CMSA while in school."*

Q: Where did you work before your current job?

A: *"I did three internships while in school. One with Braun Intertec, one with Minnesota Utilities and Excavating, and one with Frattalone. I went back to Frattalone after graduation and did earthwork. I enjoyed working for these subcontractors and being able to focus in on a job and specialize in a specific area."*

Q: What is your favorite and least favorite part of your current role?

A: *"My favorite part of my job is being on the project from start to finish. In general contracting, you get a little bit of everything. My least favorite part of my current role would probably be the pre-construction work. I enjoy the actual construction when you can see your project going up."*

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Pro-Tips:

- "Get your hands on as much as you possibly can, always look for something different and new experiences."
- "Don't be afraid to ask questions."

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