

CMSA Alumni of The Month

Juan Lopez – '19

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Project Engineer III

Juan Lopez was born in Shakopee, Minnesota and grew up in Plato, MN. He attended Lester Prairie High School and graduated with 32 other students in 2015. During high school, Juan took a few woodworking classes along with a drafting and AutoCAD class. During his summers in high school Juan worked with his uncle doing residential roofing and remodeling, He also worked for a carpentry contractor building pole barns, and he worked for his father and other uncle doing carpet cleaning.

Juan chose Minnesota State University because it was close to home, and because he became interested in Engineering and Construction Management before, he eventually decided to major in Construction Management. He enjoyed many of his classes with Dr. Wasserman because of his knowledge of the opportunities in the industry. His most influential class was the Construction Capstone Project. Juan also enjoyed when he got the opportunity to create a Request for Proposal stating, "I really learned a lot from those opportunities because it involves a little bit of everything." He was also a CMSA committee member during his time at MSU. While attending MNSU Juan had two internships with PCL Construction.

After graduating, Juan got an offer to work for PCL Construction where he started as a Field Engineer working on the silver ramp project for MSP airport. In May 2021 Juan changed companies and decided to work for RJM Construction as a Project Engineer. During his time in the industry Juan has worked on many commercial projects and really enjoys the concrete aspects the variety.

Juan's favorite part of his job is that it is different every day, as well as getting to see the public enjoy projects when they are finished. Thank you, Juan, for representing MNSU well!

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Pro-Tips

Figure out what will make you happy and build your career around that.

Try to get involved as much as you can in the program with things like CMSA events.