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## **Current Status October 2018**

Senior Year at GIT

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## **Major**

Civil Engineering

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## **Minor**

Global Leadership in Engineering

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## **How would you rate your college experience so far?**

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## **What technical and study skills learned in high school were most valuable to you in your first year of college?**

AutoDesk Inventor knowledge, AutoCAD experience, Good note taking abilities

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## **What technical and study skills were most lacking in your first year of college?**

Asking teachers for help

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## **What do you like most about your college experience so far?**

The diversity and freedom to do or pursue almost anything you are interested in with limitless resources and colleagues to help you.

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## ***Academically* - what, if anything, is frustrating or missing from your college experience so far?**

The most frustrating thing about college is not being able to take more classes! If you're in school, you love to learn and eventually you have to graduate, so you have to pick what most interests you and fits with your schedule.

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***Socially* - what, if anything, is frustrating or missing from your college experience so far?**

Sometimes you don't get along with your roommates, and it can be a difficult learning experience, but in the end you learn a lot about who you are and what you need to thrive in tricky situations.

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**Any advice for high school students as they prepare for college applications?**

Be honest, but be unique. There is something in everyone that makes them special and the key to successful essays is showing them what makes you different. A GPA puts you on the same playing field as 1 million other students, it's important to separate yourself from the pack.

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**Any advice for students about to begin their college career in September?**

Join too many clubs to meet people and find your interests, sit with strangers every time you go to the dining hall to have engaging conversations, and go to every teacher's office hours within the first month, even if you don't have a question to associate a face to a name.