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## Fwd: Reflections from Students\_VK\_2012-2016

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Good Morning Sir,

## Reflections from Students

Hi, my name is Venkatesh Kumanan (Batch 2012 to 2016) and I was the class representative for our batch. SSN College of Engineering is an emotion more than a college. It's been more than a decade since I joined SSN, but it just seems like yesterday. I was fortunate enough to be one of the initial batches of civil engineering in the college and experienced the process of setting up a department and its related activities like laboratories, symposium, and a lot more trends for the upcoming batches.

One of the excellent initiatives that was present when I joined was the student funding project. Since my second year though my final year, I received funding for my research project (titled "To Study the use of crushed EOF Slag as Fine Aggregate as a Partial / Full Replacement for River Sand in Cement Mortar") and had to travel to different places to collect samples, testing facilities. I also had to go to other universities for my research project, which gave me a fantastic and worthy experience. This experience helped me stand out among my peers and navigate through difficult phases of my master's programs. In addition, it gave me a lot more contacts in the industry and boosted my self-confidence.

I need to thank each and every faculty for the state I am currently in. Whenever I was clueless and didn't know how to proceed, I would reach out to my mentor and a couple of other faculties who used to give me pep talks and shed some light into path of life I need to take. They were always approachable and student friendly. Even after graduating, I was able to reach out to my professors and seek both personal and professional help from them.

Finally, I would like to thank the management for giving us all the support and help needed. We were allowed to use the laboratory at our wish and will and didn't have too many restrictions. That helped us out in venturing new innovations during our free time. They helped us in getting the software we needed to do our research and build up career in the field we choose to go in. We had faculties with a variety of experience and knowledge and each one of them gave us different perspective and guided us through our lives.

Currently I'm working as a Project Engineer for an infrastructure company called Johnson Bros Corporation, A Southland Company and in charge of roadway and bridge construction for our Florida Turnpike Project between Lake Worth Road and Boynton Beach.

Thanks and Regards



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