Good morning Central Florida FES Members,

I hope that you all are healthy and safe along with your families and friends during this world pandemic. We’re several months into the pandemic and I know that everyone is trying to get back to some form of normalcy and remaining vigilant with following the directives that have being given by the World Health Organization (WHO), the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and our government officials. As previously mentioned, the more considerate we are, the sooner we can get back to our lives as we knew them. We had a great e-board meeting in May. The members had an opportunity to see our newly energized webpage.

We also had a guest speaker, Ms. Valerie Reyes, UF Mentorship Program Coordinator and Past President of UF Chapter. She presented the Mentorship program that was completed with the University of Gainesville’s FES chapter. A copy of the presentation is included below. We are collaborating and planning to implement a Professional Mentorship Program for the Central Florida chapter and are looking for members who may be interested in mentoring future engineering students. These students are currently attending the University of Central Florida, Valencia College, Seminole State College, and other Central Florida College and Universities.
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Professional Mentorship Program

By Valerie Reyes

ABOUT ME

Background & Education
• Miami, FL
• A.A in Civil Engineering at Miami-Dade College
• B.S in Civil Engineering at the University of Florida

Experience
• Stantec, Baxter & Woodman, The Walt Disney Company
• Undergraduate Research at MDC
• Peer Mentor, Civil Engineering Advisement Office

FES Involvement
• Event Coordinator/Chapter Development (MDC)
• Vice President (UF)
• President (UF)
• Mentorship Program Coordinator (UF)

PROFESSIONAL MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Mentor the next generation of FES and the engineering profession.

Meet and connect with engineering students from schools across Florida

Allows students to expand their network in a comfortable 1-on-1 setting

Speak about topics not covered in the curriculum (career growth, professionalism, office etiquette)

Foster connections that will serve you throughout your career and life
How it works

**Mentorship Pairing**
A student and professional in the field of engineering will be paired based on background, location, etc.

**Scheduled Sessions**
Program structure will be provided with optional assigned topics and conversation starters for each session.

**Flexibility**
Structure is designed to be done virtually via video or phone call to allow for flexibility in scheduling. In person meetings are encouraged if proximity allows it.

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**FALL 2019 PROGRAM PILOT**

- **14 MENTORSHIP PAIRS**
  Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, Environmental, Construction, Geotechnical

- **ENGINEER FIRMS ACROSS FLORIDA**

- **FALL 2020: SECOND ROUND OF PROGRAM**
  Feedback and learning curves are being implemented to ensure the success of our second round of mentorship pairs!

- **YOU CAN BECOME A MENTOR TOO!**
  We’re looking for professionals who wish to participate in our Fall 2020 program!

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**QUESTIONS?**

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Valerie Reyes
Mentorship Program Coordinator
Now to a more somber conversation.

Like many of you, I have spent time emotionally reflecting on the issues leading to the tragic and senseless killings of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, my dear nephew Albert Joseph Davis, and so many others. I am profoundly saddened and broken by the treatment of individuals based on the color of their skin. Peaceful demonstrations all over the world have displayed that systemic racism needs to be addressed. As we witness the challenges facing this country and the world, Florida Engineering Society Central Florida chapter will support efforts to address inequity and advocate for social justice. We are committed to supporting those who have been dehumanized and engaging our members in discussing these issues, finding solutions, and being allies to those who have been marginalized.

My nephew Albert Joseph Davis and photo of black and brown victims of police brutality and shootings.

– BLACK LIVES MATTER!!!!!!!!
The members of FES Central Florida chapter are dedicated to serving as role models for young engineers who will create solutions resulting in the betterment of society. While we may not have all the answers, to further expand this conversation, I would like to extend an olive branch to all of the members to keep an open mind and heart and allow others to share any personal experiences and ideas for a more inclusive environment. My hope and prayers are that we can all respect and work with each other to make a better and just world for everyone.

We are currently scheduled to host a Virtual Presentation on July 24, 2020. The presentation topic: FES/K-12
In August, we will be inducting our new officers for the 2020-21 year. At this time, we are planning for a virtual induction ceremony, however, this may change pending COVID-19 restrictions and location(s) to host the ceremony.

Take care and be safe.
Regards,

Charles W. Davis, Jr.
President – FES/CFL Chapter
2020 FES | ACEC-FL ANNUAL CONFERENCE CANCELLED

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August 5-8 | Boca Raton Resort & Club

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We Regret to Inform you...
Due to the circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, and the current travel restrictions in the State of Florida, the 2020 FES | ACEC-FL Annual Conference scheduled at Boca Raton Resort & Club, August 5-8, 2020, has been cancelled.

The health and safety of our members is our top priority and we are committed to providing a safe environment in which to hold the conference. That being said, we have determined that cancelling the event is in the best interest of our members, our associates, and their families.

Boca Raton Resort & Club Reservations
If you have a reservation within the FES | ACEC-FL room block at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, you will receive a cancellation confirmation sent to the email address that was provided upon booking. If you reserved a room outside of the FES | ACEC-FL room block you will need to call or email the hotel to cancel your reservation. If you wish to keep your reservation and stay at the hotel for vacation purposes only, please contact the property directly to let them know you wish to reinstate your reservation at the group rate.

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About FES

**FES Vision Statement**

FES promotes and defends the professional interests of all engineers in the state of Florida.

**FES Mission Statement**

FES supports engineering education, advocates licensure, promotes the ethical and competent practice of engineering and enhances the image and well-being of all engineers in the state of Florida.