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ACEC Colorado Honors 2022 Young Professional of the Year

DENVER (September 26, 2022) — The American Council of Engineering Companies of Colorado (ACEC Colorado) honored **Joshua Dickerson, PE** as the 2022 Young Professional of the Year at the ACEC Colorado Annual Conference at the Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver Conference Center (Aurora, Colo.).

The Young Professional of the Year award recognizes the notable skills and abilities of the next generation of engineering leaders and also demonstrates a significant impact on public welfare on a project and/or the furthering of professional growth and development within the firm.

Dickerson recounts his pathway to consulting engineering by describing his early childhood and the challenges he overcame to now be honored in the professional engineering industry. “My story started in Aurora, Colo., where I grew up with a single mom; our family had very limited resources and for many of my closest friends and family, becoming an engineer seemed out of reach.” He goes on to share, “One of my high school teachers, Andy Leonard, encouraged me to take more difficult classes and apply for college engineering programs when I didn’t believe I was worthy. He invited me to join and found funding for a summer engineering program at my future college, Colorado School of Mines. The program led to a high school engineering internship which helped my family financially when my mom was injured and could no longer work.”

Dickerson earned a bachelor's degree in engineering with a specialty in environmental engineering from Colorado School of Mines (Golden, Colo.) in 2012. In addition to being a licensed professional engineer in Colorado, he is a certified floodplain administrator.

He currently works as a senior project engineer on the water drainage team of the civil department at Martin/Martin, a consulting engineering firm based in Lakewood, Colo. His most recent project achievements include being the project engineer on City Park Golf Course’s redesign and project manager for the subsequent ADA-compliance improvements, completing the floodplain mapping and analysis for the West Fork of Second Creek Channel improvements, and serving as the lead drainage engineer for the Rocky Mountain National Park Fall River Road entrance improvements.

In addition to his technical leadership at Martin/Martin, Dickerson also exemplifies community leadership at his firm as one of the founding members and current chair of the Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) Committee. Over the past year and a half, the JEDI Committee has made a significant impact on Martin/Martin employees and the surrounding community by hosting several diversity recruiting events, mentoring a high school intern from an underprivileged background, and sponsoring an Afghan refugee family. He also serves as the collegiate chair on the executive board of the National Society of Black Engineers Denver Professionals Chapter.

Dickerson concluded, “Winning this award does not mean the story is over. For me, it is a challenge to double down on investing in generosity. I want my leadership to inspire engineers to lead a career that serves others and creates opportunities in engineering.”

In addition, Dickerson will now advance to the ACEC National Young Professional Engineer of the Year competition, the results of which will be announced later this year.



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Editor's Notes: Included with this news release is a headshot for **Joshua Dickerson, PE**, water resources engineer at **Martin/Martin Consulting Engineers**, Lakewood, Colo.