Mar. 3, 2021 — Forty-two company representatives and 137 students attended the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department’s annual Career Night on Feb. 25. Though the event was virtual, its attendance was comparable to in-person career nights from previous years.

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CEE Career Night is a great opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students to learn about a variety of professional opportunities, receive assistance in future career decisions, and meet with employers from around the country. This year’s attendees featured engineering firms such as AECOM, Carollo Engineers, Nucor, and the Utah Department of Transportation.

In lieu of in-person booths, companies could choose between hosting 10-minute, individual Zoom sessions or 30-minute group sessions with up to 50 students. Most companies did both and were able to schedule whatever timeframes best suited them during the event.

Kendall Maedgen, a civil engineering major from Layton, Utah, said that the ability to schedule in advance helped him make the most of the event, where he was able to interact with nine engineering firms.

“I had some really good networking opportunities and I now have a lot of options to apply for summer jobs,” he said. “It really is an awesome opportunity to learn about working in the field and to get your name out there so potential employers know who you are and that you are interested.”

Alex Karras of Calder Richards Structural Engineering and Zan Murray of J-U-B Engineers attended Career Night and shared their thoughts from the perspective of employers.

“The virtual environment allowed us to interact with each student on a one-on-one basis in a more personal, interview-like atmosphere,” said Karras. “The students pitched great questions about future career expectations, and we were able to offer tips and tricks from our own experience. I look forward to participating again next year.”

Murry said, “The caliber of students from USU is top notch as usual. Their program is very well focused and prepares graduates to enter the engineering field. Utah State University is one of J-U-B’s top recruiting schools.”

Did you miss Career Night? See the full list of industry attendees.

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