



Benjamin W. Plowman, P.E. (MHS '04), is a 2008 graduate of Ohio Northern University with a degree in civil engineering. Post ONU, Ben became one of only 60 individuals nationwide to attain level II certification from the Society of Professional Rope Access Technicians (SPRAT). This certification is essential to the work he does: inspection, design and construction administration of bridges. Ben is the team leader in the design, inspection and construction administration of more than 300 bridges across the United States with 20 major river crossings, including two projects over the Maumee River and one project over the Ottawa River. This work involved the structural conditional assessment, evaluation, design and construction administration of major bridges in Alaska, Arizona, Florida, Kentucky, Iowa, Ohio, Oklahoma and Oregon.

Ben was named the 2015 Toledo Area “Young Engineer of the Year” and in 2016 received the “Ohio Young Engineer of the Year” award. Ben earned his professional engineering (PE) license in 2011 and works as a consulting engineer for Hill International, Inc. Ben’s current project is a \$132 million dollar I-75 reconstruction in Toledo, Ohio and is overseeing the \$50 million dollar Berdan Bridge. He is pursuing Project Management Professional (PMP), Planning and Scheduling Professional (PSP) and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED AP) certifications required of a Project Manager.

Ben was a state-placer (3rd) in freestyle wrestling and a junior national-level wrestler at Maumee and a three-time NCAA wrestler (2005-2008) and team captain (2008) at ONU. Today, Ben volunteers as a wrestling coach and as a tournament referee. Ben has been accepted on the Ohio Task Force 1 Team as a Structural Engineering Specialist and will act as a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) volunteer rescuer in response to National Disasters. Ben will be attending the Army Corp of Engineers training at the Moffett Field in San Francisco, CA next year.