

ABE 290

INTERVIEW ASSIGNMENT email

ABE 290 Students:

Some students have asked for a little more definition on the interview assignment for ABE 290. Basically we would like you to find someone who is currently employed in the field that you would like to enter and we would like you to interview them. They could be an ABE or Purdue alumni, a professor or staff member or someone from a business or industry that you are familiar with. You should start looking soon since it may take a couple of weeks to set up the interview. You can get names of possible former students or alumni contacts from your professors or from Dan Taylor or Dale Engelberth who came to speak to our class earlier this semester. The interview can be in person (which would be best) or via telephone. Some of the questions you might ask are,

1. What is your background? (Education, current position)
2. What kinds of positions have you held before your current job?
3. How did you decide to enter your career path, and what did you do to prepare for it?
4. What types of work do you do?
5. Do you have a mentor or a coach?
6. What are the most rewarding aspects of your job?
7. What career advice would you give to an engineering sophomore?

The paper should be 1-2 pages with questions and answers and perhaps how this interview could influence your career plans. Good luck with the assignment it should be a fun as well as informative. Remember this assignment is worth 30 points so it is worth as many as 6 other assignments.

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