Amanda Wittenborn (BS ’18) Selected for Kiewit’s Women’s Construction Leadership Seminar

I felt extremely honored to be selected to participate in Kiewit’s Women’s Construction Leadership Seminar. After a summer internship in the industry, I already had questions about opportunities and setbacks I may have to face as a woman in a male dominated business. From the second I got there, it was very obvious, this was a classy and well organized event lead by some remarkable women. No question was off limits and they truly wanted to inspire, liberate, and encourage other women beginning their career.

We were busy every second of the two day event. We listened to women give suggestions on how to handle difficult situations, brainstormed ideas on how to encourage other young woman to engage in STEM programs, and we learned firsthand industry trade skills such as layout, safety, welding, pipe fitting, and electrical systems. What was most valuable to me was learning the balance between what is expected from any person in the industry versus what we as women bring to the table, no better or worse, than our male counterparts.

I would highly encourage all females in engineering to apply for this seminar, you will not be disappointed.