

GDP Testimonials



See what some of our current Graduate Development Program (GDP) participants have to say:

Luke Hayes | B.S. Chemical Engineering – Michigan State University



I am a chemical engineer in the Messer Graduate Development Program. I chose to work at Messer for two reasons: the opportunity to work at large scale industrial gas plants and to grow my network of experienced chemical engineers. Working alongside seasoned engineers has taught me skills I did not have previously. These skills include AutoCAD design software, P&ID drawing modifications, process control software, etc.

I am part of the Operations Track of the GDP program, which has allowed me to contribute to the efficiency and financial performance of our industrial gas production plants. I see myself as a regional operations manager in the future.

Objectively, any recent STEM college graduate would find the Messer GDP program beneficial to their career for the reasons I have described. A fond memory of mine is when I was in Vancouver, Washington as a Reliability Engineer and I climbed the 105-foot “coldbox” via ladder. I’m very proud to be Messer!

Katrina McCarthy | B.S. Chemical Engineering – Stevens Institute of Technology

Going into my senior year of college I still had no idea what I wanted to do with my career. I knew that I had a passion for problem solving and chemical engineering, but still was not sure how to apply that to the world. Being a part of Messer’s Graduate Development Program has enabled me to realize my strengths, weaknesses, passions, and motivators. During my first rotation, I had the opportunity to work with the Process Operations Team where I learned how we optimize our ASU plants and got hands-on field experience as well. In my second rotation, I was introduced to the commercial side of Messer in the Application Development Team as I performed testing, data analysis, and travelled to various customer sites. Working at Messer has helped me to grow through endless experiences and opportunities. Everyone is always willing to guide, teach, and empower me and the other participants as we go through this program. Messer’s Graduate Development Program is an exceptional opportunity to launch a career as a recent graduate.



Mohammad Ghorbani | B.S. Civil Eng. – Tabriz University, Iran; M.S. International Business – Hult International Business School



Working with Messer Americas has made me realize how amazing the Messer culture is all around. It is a friendly and encouraging culture. I recently concluded the program within the operations track, which allowed me to be exposed to various opportunities and experiences.

I would recommend the Graduate Development Program to other students because it provides you with the opportunity to learn so many parts of the business. This program gives you a chance to find where you fit best before taking on your full-time job.

Throughout my journey in the Graduate Development Program there were so many moments where I had to overcome obstacles and those moments made me stronger. My advice to anyone looking to join Messer is, “Things can and will go against a plan. One must learn to accept it and try to overcome the best way one can. You grow as a professional here, and as a person.”

Eric Sullivan | B.S. Information Sciences & Technology – Penn State University

I like working at Messer because I'm always given a challenge to improve my skillset. These challenges often lead me to learn a new skill entirely while also gaining a new perspective about the Messer business. I chose Messer's Graduate Development Program because I felt like it gave me a chance to dip my toes in many vastly different roles. I get a sense of what direction I want to steer my career path and what skills I want to further invest in.

My supervisor, peer coach, team members, and other GDPs, provide me with daily support. I like the IS track because I have great visibility into the many projects going on at Messer and the technologies at work. The IS track allows me to become more knowledgeable on both the IS and business front.

Before joining Messer, I've worked on many projects through school, but none that were large enough to test my ability to organize and keep multiple teams on the same page. I've become more organized and confident in my ability to manage a project. Information Services is involved in some shape or form at every level of Messer which is really exciting.



Tyler Pitney | B.S. Chemical Engineering – University of Tennessee, Knoxville



Coming out of school I had little to no understanding of what an engineer does. I wanted to believe that my undergrad experience prepared me to step right into a full-time engineering role, but in all honesty, I didn't know what that even meant. Luckily, I found an opportunity with Messer that allowed me to refine my professional skills while exploring a wide array of engineering disciplines. From Engineering Sales to Maintenance to Production, my Graduate Development Program experience has been well-rounded and foundational to jump-starting my career as an engineer. If you are looking for a company that cares about its people, promotes innovation, and has an over-abundance of knowledge everywhere you turn, Messer is for you. The Graduate Development Program is the perfect fit for the enthusiastic young engineer that is ready to start and continue their career with an incredible company.



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