

Student Chapter Spotlight

Name: Robert Settles

Hometown: Mason, Ohio

School Attending: The Ohio State University

Degree(s) Pursuing: Master of Public Administration (MPA)

Degree(s) Earned: Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Past or Current Mentors: Brian Brown, ODOT Director of Human Resources

When and how did you become interested in a career in local government?

I became interested in local government during my second year of college. I was doing some research on potential jobs and co-ops; when, I stumbled upon careers in local government. I knew I always wanted to serve the public, but I didn't know exactly where or how until then.

Do you have a special local government area of interest?

Transportation, I've always been fascinated with the movement of people and goods.

Short-term goal (next 5 years): I'd like to be well within my career working for a state or local government. I would also like to have obtained my Professional Engineers License by then too.

Long-term goal (next 10 years): I'd like to be in a mid to high level administrative role for a local government as an assistant or deputy program director.

How would you describe yourself?

I would say I am an ambitious, diligent, and easy-going person.

Favorite Quote: "If you chase two rabbits you will lose them both"—Leonard Nimoy.

