

Transcript: Caleb's Defining Moment

Hi My name is Caleb and I'm a Cornell electrical engineer. A defining moment for me was my experience as a co-op I worked at a hydroelectric company out in Pennsylvania where we did the governor controls for hydroelectric turbines for dams all across the world.

The Cornell Engineering Cooperative Education Program provides opportunities for students to apply and advance their knowledge and skills in a workplace setting over the course of their sophomore and junior years as an undergraduate.

But working on this project was really great for me because it allowed me to use my educational experience in the real world with my products and the things that I was designing and making it actually mattered and were being put into words with a [cough] experience contrary to work for the fall semester as well as the following summer semester.

So because you're missing class in the fall to go work for that company most students actually stay on campus over the summer and take summer classes are great about that is that you get very close with your fellow co-op people and it was a really great experience to stay for a summer in Ithaca despite having a kind of a typical course schedule I'm still graduating on time.

Experience really tries hard to accommodate kids and make sure they graduate on time so this is not meant to be kind of an extension of your new graduate career it's just like in addition to it and not interrupted at all costs are actually a little, I think, they're a bit more beneficial than the internship because they're actually for twenty eight weeks as opposed to a typical summer internship which maybe last about twelve weeks.

It takes a long time to get up and running with a company so what's great is that you can come back in your summer semester and just hit the ground rolling.

So as a senior my time here Cornell is coming to an end but I feel like Cornell is really giving me the holistic college experience. I work with a ton of really cool people from very diverse backgrounds on tons of different projects and if I could go back I wouldn't change a thing about my time here.