**Arrival and Attendance.**

**Special Guest**

**Ryan Dincher**

-Email about joining -- [rdincher@iastate.edu](mailto:rdincher@iastate.edu)

-Phi Sigma Pi

-New Fraternity

-Would be a ‘founding father”

**Exec. Team Announcements**

**Secretary**

-Get your t-shirt size to me if you haven’t already.

-Let me know if you are interested in a sweatshirt

-Let me know if you are interested in buttons

**Treasurer**

-None

**Communications**

-Get your bio in for the website

**Events**

-Movie Night! 🡪 6:30pm TOMORROW NIGHT at Carver to see TED

-Finalizing dates for concessions

**Outreach**

-Thanks for the help at middle school day, the kids loved it

**Tutoring**

-Thanks for the help last week

-Sign up for a time next week

-You can come if you didn’t sign up.

**President**

-Get in contact if you didn’t get a reading packet from the meeting

-Meeting at 5:00pm next week

**VP of Comm.**

-FLiE reunion

-RSVP, send email to Joe

-Next Friday at Pizza Pit

**Vermeer Presentation**

Rob Franx- Systems engineer

Preetam Bora- Design Engineer

First inventions of Vermeer

-Mechanical Wagon, Model 12 Plow-R ditcher, Stump Cutter, Round Hay Baler

**4P’s of philosophy**

🡪People, Profit, Principles, Product

-All are equally important.

**Locations**

-Corporate headquarters in Pella, Iowa

-Offices in Singapore, Brazil, and Netherlands

-Partners with Wildcat, Welger, and Vermeer in Beijing, China

-Roughly 3000 global employees, most in Pella

-Strong global dealer network

**Four sections**

Forage/Ag

-Hay and forest equipment

-Balers, rakes, cutters

Environmental

-Compost turners, grinders, brush chippers, stump cutters/grinders

Underground

-Horizontal direction drills, utility products, mini skid steers, Boring systems

-Laying lines, sewers

Special Excavation

-Track trenchers, terrain leveler,

-Surface mining is a new phenomenon

**Rob’s Positives at Vermeer**

**-**Family owned company

-Hands on job

-Product level design—see the whole product, you know all about the product

-People are fantastic there!

-Opportunities— you have the chance to move up in the company and do what you want to do

-Diverse product offering

**Preetam’s Positives at Vermeer**

-Creativity

-Hands on experience

-How it works and what it does

-Extremely personable culture—helpful people

-Helps if you are fresh out of college

-Learn new skills once you are at the company

-Move through the company in your field

**Questions**

**What types of engineering majors are at Vermeer?**

-Ag, mechanical, aerospace, software, materials, welding, computer, electrical

**Do you need a Masters?**

-No, it is valued but not necessary.

-Once you are in its about what you can do, not the credits you have

**Should you stay at ISU and get a masters or go out in the workforce first?**

-Could be don’t either way

-If you wait there may be a lack of motivation

-It may have to do with your future plans; getting married, job offer, etc.

**Does Vermeer have Internships?**

-Internships and summer job programs

-40 possible positions may be available

- go to VermeerJobs.com 🡪 <http://www.vermeer.com/vcom/Jobs/>

-You will get approx. 2-3 projects during the time there; design, design review, present, parts to floor, parts are welded, test the product

**Do you have internships around the world or just in Pella?**

-Mostly Pella, 99% of engineers are at Pella

**What does a typical day look like for you?**

**-Preetam**—in prototype phase you would be at the computer a lot, then with an actual part you can have the part tested. It all depends on the phase you are in. gathering data.

**-Rob –** 50%desk, 50%field. Working back and forth. See the project through, give expertise on product

**What skills do you (Vermeer) find useful?**

-Ability to work in a Team!!—finding your strength in that group

-Leadership\*\*\*\* absolutely valued. How you move up

-Hands on skills are good

-Willingness to try, get dirty

-Creativity

**How big is market, money wise?**

-800-900 milionl—good year!

**What was helpful in college to get to Vermeer?**

-Rob—Marching band!!! Using the harness from band on drumline!

-Preetam—Mechanics courses, endless learning process. Find out

**What did you learn from internship?**

-Rob-- What type of company I wanted to work for. What parts of engineering interested me.

-Preetam—communication skills to go from one major to the another

**Final Thoughts**

Rob—Don’t underestimate the people who are out on the shop floor. They know a lot about the products, possibly more than you do.