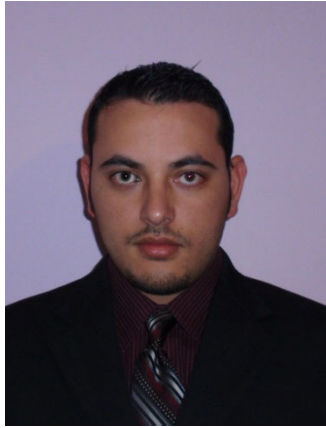


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Mr. Juan Lopez is a senior in the Department of Civil Engineering at Jackson State University. He is a member of the student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers and holds a 3.71 GPA. In May 2009 he will graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree after which he plans to begin working in the engineering field while obtaining his Master's Degree in a transportation related area.

Nominated by the chair of the Department of Civil Engineering, Dr. Farshad Amini, Mr. Lopez recognizes the importance and ingenuity required in the design of road and highway networks and has thus decided to further his education and research in this area.

He is a current intern in the GeoTech Division at the Mississippi Department of Transportation. In May of this year Mr. Lopez was one of several students chosen to participate in our Opportunities for Undergraduate Research Experience (OURE) program at the Institute for Multimodal Transportation. On a project titled "Investigation of Strategies for Emergency Evacuation on a Metropolitan Freeway Network in Mississippi", he will work closely with an advisor to develop and evaluate emergency evacuation strategies for large scale evacuation of people under emergency conditions in the greater Jackson metropolitan area.