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Nick Dean is a proud SAC alumni and member of the class of 1989. At the tender age of 17, Nick left the sunny shores of the Bahamas for Nova Scotia, Canada. He attended Acadia University and earned a Bachelor's degree in Applied Science before obtaining his Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. After graduation, Nick moved to Atlanta where he worked at a boutique geotechnical and structural engineering firm in Alpharetta, Georgia. In 1996, he returned to Nassau to work for a leading private structural engineering firm.

At the age of 28 Nick successfully passed his US Professional Engineering licensure exam becoming one of the youngest Bahamians to ever accomplish this feat at that time. Since then, Nick has held professional engineering licenses in the State of Georgia, State of Florida, and The Commonwealth of the Bahamas. He is a Charter member of the ASCE Structural Engineering Institute and was one of the first board members of the Bahamas Society of Engineers.

A professional engineer by trade and an entrepreneur by nature, Nick started Integrated Building Services or IBS in 2000 and has held the position of principal for the last twenty-three years. IBS is a multi-disciplinary engineering consultancy which has worked on landmark projects throughout The Bahamas including Albany, Baha Mar, The Pointe, Goldwynn Resorts, and Sandals Exuma. Nick has focused his efforts and that of IBS in promoting the concept of resilient design to minimize the negative impacts of climate change. His efforts have served to reduce risk and minimize exposure of his projects to impact from hazard events.

Throughout his career, Nick has made numerous media appearances as an industry expert and has been invited as a subject matter expert speaker at several local and international conferences including the Caribbean Development Bank Special Conference and the American Society of Engineers Infrastructure Conference. He is often a technical adviser to both government and private institution Clients on engineering and resiliency matters.

With over 25 years of experience in the engineering, project management and construction fields, Nick has charged himself with the purpose of helping train and develop the next generation of Bahamian Engineers. Over the past 12 years, IBS has hosted the Build-A-Bridge challenge where over 1,000 high school students have built popsicle stick bridges for a shot at earning a summer-internship at IBS as well as other amazing prizes. Nick has consistently sought to ensure that his company also served the wider Bahamian community by supporting other youth-related causes such as the Gentlemen's Club, Special Olympics Bahamas, and several National Carifta teams. Ever the rabid track fan, Nick volunteered as assistant Coach for the Bahamas High performance track club and has mentored numerous underprivileged youth on and off the track while helping them obtain scholarships to attend college.

Though an avid traveler, having made treks to Japan, Hong Kong, Thailand, Europe, South America, Central America and throughout the Caribbean, Nick's affinity for the simple island life and all things Bahamian have kept him well grounded and close to home.