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Did you ever want to quit engineering? Why didn't you?

This month's question is all about resilience and perseverance! As engineers and engineering students, we have all faced significant challenges and obstacles when working towards goals. Maybe we know we will have to work harder than our peers to achieve the same goal, or we don't do as well as we think we should in a class or on a project.

Part of becoming an engineer is learning how to work through difficult problems and sometimes the challenges we face seem insurmountable. It is normal to want to quit sometimes, but it is also important to work hard to achieve your goals, surround yourself with support, and remember your motivation.

Four inspiring engineers share how they pushed through in times of doubt and struggle with the help of some determination and persistence.

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Before I even entered into my engineering program, I contemplated whether I was "smart enough" to succeed. I was always an A student in high school, never a super smart kid, and it never came easy to me, but I was teachable, worked hard, and generally got good grades. The real question here is if I wanted



to pursue engineering because I knew how hard the road ahead would be for me. I knew I would regret not challenging myself to the fullest if I selected another degree program, and did not pursue an engineering degree.

Whenever I was extremely challenged in my coursework and questioned my abilities, I leveraged and used the resources of the college and those around me to work through the "I should quit" thoughts. These resources included professor's office hours, tutors, smarter kids that understood the coursework, and/or small group learning. My point is: I didn't allow quitting to be an option; I knew that I was capable and ensured that I was surrounded by a sound support system. Hear more inspiring stories on our [All Together](#) Blog.



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