

Get to **KNOW...** Vincent (Vinny) **FALKOWSKI**

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JOB TITLE: Deputy Commissioner for Environmental Programs

COMPANY: Nassau County Department of Public Works

HOMETOWN: Hicksville, NY

ASPE CHAPTER: Long Island

IMMEDIATE FAMILY: Michele (wife), Samantha (daughter), and Vincent (son)

PETS: Jack the Bulldog and Chloe the Cat

"ASPE was the source of knowledge I needed to fill gaps in my engineering toolbox. My career is predominately that of a program, portfolio, and/or project manager. My entire career has been to manage the design, construction, and commissioning of projects that have heavy mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems. ASPE very quickly also became a source for networking to get the answers that I need to remain current. It's the first Society of many that I find worthy of volunteering my time for."

WHAT BOOK DO YOU RECOMMEND EVERYONE SHOULD READ? *Grit* by Angela Duckworth is a book I would recommend to everyone. It helped me recognize how leaders successfully lead and why.

IF YOU COULD TRAVEL ANYWHERE, WHERE WOULD IT BE? To other planets because that has always been a dream. It may not happen in my lifetime, but how cool would it be to be on that mission?

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT OUTSIDE OF YOUR CAREER? That would have to be my two kids.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ANIMAL? Humans, because they never fail to amaze me. They are a species with a wide range of capabilities for good or bad. Humans are the only animals on Earth that can solve complex problems and have the ability to change the lives of others; they inspire me.

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES OUTSIDE OF WORK? I like to cook.

WHAT DO YOU DO TO RELAX? I don't know how to relax.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MEAL? IS IT PREPARED AT HOME OR FOUND AT A RESTAURANT? This would have to be lasagna, and it's only good at home.

ARE YOU A MOVIE BUFF? WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE? I am a movie buff, and I have many favorites, among which are *Silence of the Lambs*, *Castaway*, and *12 Monkeys*.