

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

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What is your role at RRF?

I am an Applications Engineer.

Tell us a little about your background?

I have lived in the Rockford area for a majority of my life aside from living a year in California. I am an only child, but grew up with 7 step siblings. In school, I played both soccer and basketball and I have always been interested in technology in some form. When I was around 12 years old, I began taking consumer electronics apart, learning how they functioned and repairing them. I

believe this fascination with electronics is what drove me to the engineering field. During my high school and college years I would purchase broken electronics, repair them and resell them to make money.



What brought you to RR Floody?

I was introduced to RRF by an adjunct professor while attending NIU. At the end of the course he was teaching, he mentioned that he worked for RRF and that they offered internships. Following the semester, I emailed him in hopes of obtaining a summer internship. Between the time that I had spoken with him and summer, the company I had been working for shutdown so I no longer had a job. I reached back out to the professor to ask if he knew of any local engineering companies that would be willing to hire a student for part time work (since I knew that Floody worked with many companies). He asked me to come in and offered me what ended up being a two-year internship while finishing my bachelors' program.

What strengths do you bring to this job that makes you a valuable resource to your customers?

I am very ambitious in learning and good at researching. I enjoy finding new material, resources and technology and trying to pick them apart to find out how they work.

What are some key lessons you have taken from your career thus far?

So far, the main things that I have learned is that there is always something new to learn and there are often new ways of understanding something that I was already familiar with. I feel that I have learned so much in the last year. It feels as if I have not left college. I have also learned that working as a team can

prove to accomplish so much more than working by yourself as well as bringing new and original ideas together.

Describe some of your hobbies – what do you like to do outside of work?

In my free time I enjoy spending time with family and friends. As for personal hobbies, I am a bit of a geek because I like to work on stuff like smart home automation and programming. I also enjoy reading, riding my motorcycle, playing basketball, working out and playing guitar.



What is something your customers might find surprising about you?

I was born in Japan. My mother and father were in the Navy (stationed in Yokosuka). I am also getting married this summer to my high school sweetheart, which is exciting. Lastly, I have a tattoo on my arm that looks like a circuit board which plays into my fascination with electronics.

