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I was born and raised in Weston, Missouri - a small, picturesque, touristy town just north of Kansas City. I graduated from West Platte High School with 47 classmates and headed to the metropolis of Columbia, Missouri to begin my college career at Mizzou. I started a math major which quickly turned to architecture and then quickly again to civil engineering where I eventually graduated with BS degree (still trying to decide what I want to do when I grow up). In my last semester at Mizzou, I met my future wife, Sara who was also a civil engineer (I know, boring). We moved to Kansas City to start our careers at two large engineering firms headquartered in the area. I spent the early part of my career working mostly on municipal street design projects which eventually led to larger interchange, highway, and design-build projects. About 3 years ago, I made the move to WSP, initially to get back to my roots of working on smaller municipal design projects. However, these days I find myself managing the civil design groups for three area offices, holding leadership roles at the regional level, and somehow fitting in time to manage a few projects. On a personal note, we have two awesome kids, Payton (10) and Meyer (6) and live in Leawood, KS. Between work, kid's activities, and house projects, we stay pretty busy.

PK/PC (pre-kids/pre-Covid) my wife and I enjoyed traveling. We've been to some interesting places like Tibet and Patagonia, but our favorite go-tos in the US are New Orleans and Las Vegas (without kids) and St. Pete Beach and Big Cedar (with the family).

I started to Google "famous quotes" but that seemed like cheating. I guess I'm not a quote person...

"My job would be a lot easier if....I could magically turn off all the distractions and just get some work done!"