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## **Bio**

I was born Adam Scott Houk in Albany, Missouri to Scott and Judy Houk of Grant City, MO. I grew up in Grant City which is a small town of about 900 people in the northwest part of the state. Grant City is the county seat of Worth County which is the smallest county in the state of Missouri, both by land area and population. I attended Worth County R-III High School graduating valedictorian in 1997. After high school I attended the University of Missouri – Columbia. I graduated from Mizzou in May of 2002 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Mechanical Engineering and a minor in Mathematics. My first job out of college was with PSI, Inc. in Riverside, MO where I was a special inspector and project manager from 2002-2004. I relocated to St. Louis at the beginning of 2005 where I was the Construction Services Group Leader and a project manager for PSI in their St. Louis office from 2005-2006. In September of 2006 I took a job as a construction inspector with TranSystems Corporation back in Kansas City and have been with the company ever since. I have transitioned roles multiple times over the years going from Construction Inspector/Manager to Civil Engineer/Designer to Project Manager and now a Team Leader and Client Manager with our company’s freight rail department. Projects I’ve worked on include the City of Olathe/BNSF Grade Separation in Olathe, KS, BNSF Phillips to McDonald Double Track in Grand Island, NE, Fort Riley Rail Yard in Ft. Riley, KS, and KCS IFG Intermodal Facility Rail Expansion in Kansas City, MO. I have Professional Civil Engineer’s licenses in the states of MO, LA, ND, and TX. I currently live in Lee’s Summit, MO with my wife Christa and our two children Avery (6) and Ethan (3). I have one younger brother, Nathan, who lives with his wife Emily in Columbia, MO. My parents still live in Grant City, MO. We make it up to “the farm” once every couple months.

## **Fun fact about you that will be surprising/interesting to your classmates!**

I sang in a men’s double quartet in high school where we made it to state competition two years in a row, one of the years receiving a 1 rating. We sang the national anthem at a Royals’ game in 1998.

## **Favorite quote**

“Service is the virtue that distinguished the great of all times, and which they will be remembered by. It places a mark of nobility upon its disciples. It is the dividing line which separates the two great groups of the world – those who help, and those who hinder; those who lift, and those who lean; those who contribute, and those who only consume. How much better it is to give than to receive. Service in any form is comely and beautiful. To give encouragement, to impart

sympathy, to show interest, to banish fear, to build self-confidence and awaken hope in the hearts of others, in short, to love them and to show it is to render the most precious service.” – Bryant S. Hinckley

**My job would be a lot easier if**

schedules were longer and budgets were greater