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Brief History (personal and professional): I grew up in the small town of Bern, KS (Population roughly 165) and graduated from Bern High School in a class of 11 students. I also met my wife on the school bus when I was in 1st grade and she was in kindergarten. We currently live in Manhattan, KS with two kids and a third on the way. After high school I attending KSU to study civil engineering. I was attracted to civil engineering because I always really enjoyed math, science and construction. During my time in college I had an internship at a feed mill in my home town, which was more of an industrial engineering position, followed by an overseas internship in Tajikistan before getting an internship at Schwab Eaton, where I am still working today. I obtained my PE license in 2019. I have worked on a wide variety of projects in my time as an intern and an EIT but in the past few years have begun to focus primarily on water/wastewater work. I really enjoy the water and wastewater work, particularly the treatment plant design and hydraulic modeling. I also love getting to work in rural areas with small towns and rural water districts.

A fun fact that will be surprising/interesting to your classmates: The first water project I helped design was for a small village in the Zarafshan Valley near Panjakent, Tajikistan. My team used a handled GPS, Abney Level, and Excel.

Favorite Quote (with author and source): "If your mind is where your body is you are failing as a leader." – Dave Mitchell (the mentor of one of my mentors)

My job would be a lot easier if...I could go back in time once during the construction phase on every project and make a few "suggestions" to myself during the design phase.