

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

JIM BUCKWALTER



WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE HOBBIES?

I enjoy collecting and restoring antiques: clocks, mechanical banks, oil painting, marbles, etc. I also have built my own CNC (computer numeric control) machine for projects and I've built a couple of guitars as well.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PLACE YOU'VE VISITED?

I spent six months in Central America in the late eighties, but my wife and I enjoy the beaches of North Carolina and Asheville, NC.

ANY PETS?

We own three Bichon Frise dogs: Jasper, Primrose, and Sophia.

WHAT WOULD YOU DESCRIBE AS YOUR MOST IMPORTANT ATTRIBUTES OR STRENGTHS?

I try to see life from a realistic point of view and I care about other people.

PREFERRED TYPE OF MUSIC?

I enjoy a variety of music, but I prefer classic rock, folk, and pop from the '60s and '70s.

WHERE'S SOMEWHERE YOU'VE NEVER BEEN, BUT WOULD LOVE TO VISIT SOMEDAY?

Australia

WHAT'S THE BEST PIECE OF ADVICE YOU'VE EVER HEARD?

"Respect is how to treat everyone, not just those you want to impress." -*Richard Branson*

WHAT'S ONE OF YOUR WEIRDEST QUIRKS?

I am a compulsive counter...I count everything. Ceiling tiles, carpet squares, edges of window panes, people at meetings, etc.

WHAT IS THE MOST REWARDING THING ABOUT YOUR JOB?

Relieving people of stress when I am able to help them overcome an obstacle that is preventing them from doing their job.

IT MANAGER / CUSTOMER SERVICE COORDINATOR

FINANCE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

JOINED VIRGINIA TECH IN: JULY 2000

PERKIOMENVILLE, PA (an hour-drive northwest of Philadelphia)

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WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB?

I washed dishes at a local restaurant when I was 16.

WHAT IS THE ONE FOOD OR BEVERAGE YOU ABSOLUTELY COULD NOT GO WITHOUT?

Pizza

FAVORITE SPORT OR TEAM?

I'm a lifelong Philadelphia Eagles fan!

WHAT'S ONE THING OUTSIDE THE OFFICE YOU'RE MOST PASSIONATE ABOUT?

My backyard