



Master of
Industrial Distribution
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

MID

Success Stories

AGGIE GRADUATES IN INDUSTRY

Q&A with



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What did you like best about MID?

"I enjoyed my time on campus, the wealth of knowledge from my professors, actually taking classes that corresponded with my current job (unlike my undergrad), and the friends I met along the way."

Were you able to implement any knowledge at work immediately?

"Absolutely, I was utilizing subjects I was currently learning about in daily conversations, planning, and vendor management/relationships."

From the time you heard about the MID program, how long did it take you to decide to apply?

"About 3 months."

Did you benefit from RES Week? If so how?

"Residency week was beneficial in meeting my classmates and professors, learning Aggie traditions, and touring the amazing campus. Breaking up the monotony of doing all work on the computer and bringing it back to the classroom setting was also beneficial for me. Always looked forward to residency week."

Where was your global trip to?

"Singapore/Malaysia."

What experiences did you value from that trip?

"I worked with Flowserve for my global project. Flowserve also happens to be my largest vendor. Visiting their facility was impressive and educational. I enjoyed both Singapore and Malaysia immensely, would love to go back.....if it were not so far away."

What was your favorite aspect of the Global Class?

"Foreign travel and working with one of my largest vendors. I enjoyed seeing the differences in the way business is conducted overseas."

What was your capstone?

"Creating and implementing a customer stratification system to replace our antiquated system, as well as determining true cost to serve."



Did you implement?

"TBD."

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"Still currently in implementation as we switch over to a new ERP system, coincidentally, I am working with Brad Vance (MID) from Epicor on the new ERP."

After MID, did you get any pay increases, promotions, recognition?

Per our companies prearranged agreement, after I received my MID, I was promoted from VP to President.



What advice would you give to someone that is entering for the MID?

"Be prepared to work diligently. Don't put off assignments until the last minute. As working adults, time flies and time management is incredibly important."

What advice would you give someone who is thinking about a master degree?

"Weigh out your options, if you are in an industry that would benefit from someone with a MID, do it. It certainly made sense for me and am glad I did it. I still find it amazing that no matter where I go, someone will usually always spot my ring and start up a conversation like we are old friends. The Aggie network and camaraderie is truly amazing."

What advice would you give someone about their capstone projects?

"Pick a legitimate project that you truly think you may be able to implement or at least pitch for approval. Having a project, you actually plan on putting into motion makes the assignment much more enjoyable than a fabricated hypothetical. Be prepared to work diligently. Don't put off assignments until the last minute. As working adults, time flies and time management is incredibly important."

Have you kept in contact with any of your peers?

"Quite a few of them, we talk regularly, and have met up when they have been out in California or when I am out in Texas."

If so, is it on a professional or personal level?

"Both, but mostly personal. I still email Professor Malini a couple times a year for her input on ideas/situations, and she always provides a timely response."

Do you believe the curriculum was sufficient to prepare you for the next steps in your career?

"The curriculum contained a wealth of knowledge that I have utilized to this day. Like most any career, the bulk of your knowledge comes from on the job training and experience gained through time, but certainly MID helped get me a few steps ahead"

Did the MID program structure compliment your personal and professional lifestyle?

"Absolutely, as President of an Industrial Distribution company, I found an overwhelming amount of content that applied directly to my career, and still do to this day."

How much time per week did you dedicate to the MID program?

"Best estimate, 3+ hours per day at minimum. "

If you could summarize your MID experience, now that it has been completed, how would you do so?

"The MID experience was a well mixed combination of good times, hard work, long nights, relationship building, tradition building, and Northgate visits. All of which I am glad I was a part of. This was a time in my life that I will never forget and am incredibly fortunate enough to have had the support of my company, wife, and kids to complete."





This is what success looks like.



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