

# **BRENT WENDHOLT**

## Following Dad's Footsteps: Brent's Journey to Make His Father Proud

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Seven years ago, Brent Wendholt would have never planned on marrying Southridge rival, Mallory Gaesser. He did, however, know that he would follow in his father's footsteps and become a civil engineer.

My brother Brent saw how interesting our dad's job seemed; as a result, he also became a civil engineer. When he started interning at the Dubois County Highway Department, right along side his dad, he began seeing how intriguing and unique each day on the job appeared. He continued his new passion for civil engineering by attending Vincennes University to earn his associate's degree. After earning this degree, Brent moved on to the University of Southern Indiana, where he received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering. While he attended both VU and USI, Brent participated on the college baseball teams.

Brent's baseball highlights did not start in college. In high school, he pitched for the 2002 sectional championship team. Because Brent pitched for the baseball team, he received the senior athlete award. Along with baseball, Brent wrestled exceptionally well for the Forest Park Rangers. When asked about his most memorable moment as a wrestler, he easily answers achieving the trip to semi-state his senior year. Brent's athletic achievements only increased when he moved on to college. Going to the baseball national championships in Alabama never crossed Brent Wendholt's mind as he worked toward finishing his senior year of college; however, according to him, this became one of the many highlights he experienced since high school.

At age twenty-three, looking back at his high school years, Brent says that high school students must not forget this important point: much more remains out there; don't hold back on setting your goals high and always try your hardest to fulfill them. "Keeping your high school friends close is very important," Brent states. "They are the ones who went through everything with you growing up, and they think the same way you do."

Currently employed at Biagi, Chance, Cummins, London, Titzer, Inc. (B.C.C.L.T. Inc.), located in Evansville, Indiana, Brent's main purpose at work consists of site design. Site design requires many steps-namely surveying. According to Brent, "A perfect day for me is out surveying all day because it is an escape from the office, and it breaks up the monotony of an office job." When not in the office, you can most often find Brent in the Boonville High School Gym, coaching the Boonville wrestling team. Living only minutes from the high school, he loves that he can give his time to wrestling, a sport he adores. Brent currently resides in Boonville, Indiana, with his wife, Mallory. Moving back to Dubois County remains a dream for Brent and Mallory. The question, however, still remains: in what school district would they live? Brent states, "Moving back to Southeast Dubois School Corporation remains my dream, but Mallory still believes our children should become Raiders."

Successful and happy, Brent often tells others he accomplished his goals through conscientious effort. Whether out surveying or in the gym, Brent finds it important to always prepare. He states it simply when he says, "If you are prepared, you will be more confident. Being confident will allow you to be yourself."