

# DANNY BEGLE

## Passion for Power

### Dan Begle's Accomplishments in the Field of Automotive Engineering

Graduate: Class of 1983

Occupation: Automotive Reliability Engineer

From tinkering with lawn mower engines, to working for a top engine company in the world, Dan Begle has accomplished all this since his days here in Dubois County. As he grew up in Bretzville, it was easy noticing his passion for engines.

As Dan went through high school he was involved in Future Farmers of America, 4-H, and wrestling. His thoughts, focused on hanging out with friends, kept him from thinking of classes, such as math and science; he now says he wishes he would have taken them. As graduation came around in 1983, his thoughts focused on college.

He attended Lincoln Technical Institute, located in Indianapolis, Indiana. He intended and later received a degree in automotive business management. While in college, however, he had to struggle with living in an urban environment compared to the undersized area, where he grew up, and the fact that he couldn't see his family every night as usual. Obviously, on the right path, Dan now says, "College education is very important."

After graduation, he started his first job at Jasper Engines. He would not have dreamed of the road he was about to endure. He later went on to own his own shop, where his engines won at both Talladega and Daytona Automobile Racing Club of America. These two wins taught him a valuable lesson: "A good reputation will always benefit you."

The next event seemed like only a dream. Known to be one of the top five engine manufacturers, Roush Yates of Roush Yates Racing Engines asked Dan to come work for him. He now has worked there for five years and absolutely loves his job, though sometimes his work gets strenuous. With his title - reliability engineer - he has the responsibility of checking all of the parts to find anything that may cause trouble. For him, work isn't a job, but a career. Even though a work week consists of seven days-up to 80 to 90 hours - he still loves his job. As he says now, "I feel blessed that I get paid to do something that I would do just for fun."

Dan now lives in Mooresville, North Carolina, with his wife (high school girlfriend) Bonnie Boehm, and his four adopted children. With minute time off from work, he still finds time for his hobbies: grilling, cooking, staying tremendously involved with his church, and attending his kids' sporting events. When Dan looks back, he agrees that Dubois County is a “great place to live” and says that the solid work that you find here is unlike any other place that he has seen. While he now fulfills his lifelong dream, he still misses his absence from his family. As he has said about his field of work, “You must have a passion for it now, not just a desire.” Dan definitely has the passion.