

SCOTT BERGER

Making Sure that Packages Arrive on Time, Using Engineering Standards of Today

Graduate: Class of 1999 Occupation: UPS; 747 Structures Engineer
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Working for United Parcel Service, Scott Berger ensures that UPS's entire fleet of 747 aircraft work properly, an interesting field with roots in his alma mater here at Forest Park, where Scott graduated in 1999. While in high school, Scott was active in both clubs and sports. Scott played soccer in the fall, and during the winter he participated in wrestling. Scott lettered three out of four years in soccer, and he lettered all four years in wrestling. In his senior year, Scott was voted MVP of the wrestling team and received the Randy Voges Scholarship for his efforts in wrestling and academics. He reached the semi-state round of the state tournament, and in the same year he also received Academic All-State honors in his respective weight class. Scott participated in the areas of math and quiz bowl while in Beta during high school.

After high school, Scott attended Purdue University, where he received a bachelor's degree of science in mechanical engineering. Scott participated in Purdue's Cooperative Education Program for Engineering, which allowed him to work in Rockford, Illinois, in the aerospace industry. While working in Illinois, Scott was able to learn many critical technologies used in the aircraft industry. After graduating from college in 2004, he continued to work in Illinois at Hamilton Sundstrand Aerospace until 2005. In 2005 Scott was hired by Butler International / Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation, where he designed helicopters for almost two years. His current position with UPS in the airline portion of the company has given him new opportunities. To further his knowledge, Scott decided to return to college in 2007. He is currently attending Indiana University Southeast to work part-time on his master's degree in Business Administration.

Safety, reliability, and maintenance are all part of Scott's job. He also ensures that all 747 aircraft which come through Louisville are damage-free so that the packages arrive on-time to their final destinations. "Typical days do not regularly occur in my line of work," stated Scott. However, some of his responsibilities are repetitive. When Scott gets to work, he always reviews maintenance reports to make sure he does not have any aircraft that are delayed or have maintenance problems. Scott also has to review any FAA mandated laws that would impact UPS's fleet of 747 aircraft. On some days, Scott meets with his team to plan repairs by going over what parts need to be delivered and instruction mechanics on how to repair the aircraft. The International hub for UPS is located in Louisville, Kentucky. This is where majority of UPS's parcels are sorted and re-routed.

Scott Berger is now living in New Albany, Indiana. He married Leeann (Schwartz) Berger and they have one daughter, Sydney. Scott loves any activity that involves being outside, such as golf, hunting, and fishing. He also enjoys traveling, visiting places such as Maui, Chicago, Hong Kong, and China.

Scott's concludes, "Don't just join a club to put it on your resume. Take action by being an active member of the group." Scott feels that this will help later in your life especially during any future interviews. Scott believes that growing up in Dubois County gives you opportunities that other high school students normally do not receive. The area has exceptional high schools which value education, and the citizens are genuine and hardworking.