

What do you do as an engineer/scientist?

As an engineer/scientist, I write boot code for pSeries eServers. This is a challenging field because it involves power-on, control, and initialization of hardware components in a complex sequence of events. It is amazing to realize that amount of work that is required to get a system functional in a relatively short period of time.

How do you use your technical training and/or degree today? How has it helped you?

Some of the most useful technical training I use on a regular basis is the material I learned in my C Programming and Microprocessor design courses. At the University of Maryland, I participated in a special program known as QUEST. The QUEST program combined engineering and business students, and we completed an intensive three-year program. I also took my participation in QUEST one step further by becoming a mentor for the class which followed mine. I received training on meeting facilitation, teamwork, and strategies for being an effective mentor. I rely heavily on the training I received from QUEST, as both a participant and mentor, to help me approach teaming issues today.

What do you find most satisfying about your work?

I find the technical assignments very challenging, and the most satisfying feeling is the sense of accomplishment when a given task has been completed well. I also enjoy the amount of teamwork associated with completing projects. I have found all of my colleagues to be extremely helpful and insightful.