



Employee Spotlight – Jason Dye, Applications Engineer

What does your position entail?

I work with the Sales Engineers (Bruce Hagerty and Paul Woodhouse) out of our Beaverton office. Day to day activities would include providing technical support/training to our customers, feasibility studies, proof of concepts and project development for new applications.

How long have you worked at Olympus?

I started with Olympus in July of 2011 as an intern. After I graduated I came on board full time in June of 2012.

Can you tell us a little about your background and how it helps you in this position?

I graduated in 2012 from WSU with a Bachelor degree in Mechanical Engineering. Basically all the classes I thought I would never use in the real world are what I use on a daily basis. Programming, circuits and instrumentation, also I took a mechatronics tract and it has helped in understanding motion control and robotics.

What do you like best about working at Olympus?

There are several things I like about Olympus. There are always new projects to work on and most of the time I have free reign on how to accomplish them. From vision guided robots to CNC applications. I might be in a bottling plant one day and on a semi-conductor floor the next.

What was your first job ever?

That was in 1992 (I am showing my age). I was a lot attendant at Vancouver Nissan. Sweeping up cigarette butts around the lot, dumping garbage, washing cars, stocking new car inventory and giving courtesy rides to the service customers. It was a good job to break me in to the working world.

Describe some of your hobbies – what do you like to do outside of work?

I would say that sleeping has to be near the top, never seem to get enough of it anymore. Other hobbies are playing guitar, riding dirt bikes/ATVs, wrenching on cars and construction/remodel around the house. Between my mom and 2 sisters there is never a lack of cars to work on or things to fix around the houses. Every time I come to visit there is a nice list of “fix its”.

I try to get to the gym a few times a week; however it seems to be the exception and not the norm. I notice it really helps out with clearing the mind and keeping my mood and energy high.

What are some key lessons you have taken from your career thus far?

Communication and time management are key. Making sure the customers and sales engineers are up to date with the current progress of their project and making sure all the projects are getting accomplished on time.

What is one thing your customers might find surprising about you?

I play guitar and sing in an extreme metal band. However if one were to listen to the music they might argue that I am doing neither.

- Thanks to Jason for sharing a little about himself and we look forward to spotlighting his co-workers in the month's to come.