

Maxwell High School Graduate Settles Into Career with Precision Concrete

Greg Miller started out building kid forts in the woods at home and working with his grandfather in his workshop. Ironically, today we sat in a restaurant that Greg assisted in laying the foundation slab work at The Avenue in Snellville. He is currently working on million-dollar projects as an estimator and assistant project manager for Precision Concrete Construction in Alpharetta.

While growing up in Gwinnett County, Greg attended Maxwell High School of Technology his senior year for three hours each day. The training he received in the construction programs at Maxwell High School changed his career path. Encouraged by Marc White and Tony Shore (his construction teachers at Maxwell High School of Technology), Greg attended Southern Polytechnic State University and majored in construction management. Greg completed his degree with the help of a HOPE scholarship and still remained close to his home and family.

Marc White comments that “Greg is a fine young man. He’s very humble in his accomplishments. He was student of the year at Maxwell, and placed ninth in the nation in the Technical math area at the SkillsUSA competition.”

Greg’s wife, an intern architect and his parents have been very supportive of his decision to enter the construction field. They have always felt that “he was headed in the right direction.”

After graduating in 2005 from Southern Polytechnic, Greg researched career options with a dozen or so companies. Precision Concrete was his number one choice. Greg enjoys working at Precision Concrete, noting that the company has given him the encouragement and support needed to round-out his construction training.



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Greg's supervisor, Robin Houghton, comments "Greg is a great worker. He has a great attitude, and I have the utmost respect for him. I wish I could find more people like him. He is a fine young man and I'm proud of him."

Although Greg misses working in the field, the analytical side of him enjoys what he does now, mostly bidding on hard and negotiated projects.

Steve Fleming Company was instrumental in training Greg. Greg met Mr. Fleming while still in high school. After working for seven years with the company, Greg's skills in building residential decks and basements, and framing doors and windows were sharpened. Along with his uncle's encouragement, this helped mold his great love for construction.

At only 23 years of age, his future is beaming. Greg has aspirations of continuing with his current firm and moving into a fulltime project management role. He recommends the construction industry to all young people with a love for construction. His advice to young people is to "decide what you want to do and stick to it." Greg states "there are quite a few people giving advice and some of it is good, but listen to your heart to determine what you are passionate about."

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