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Having loved all things mechanical since I can remember, I originally went to work as a foundry engineer and maintenance supervisor and eventually moved into product development at Kennedy Valve Co. in Elmira NY, near where I grew up in Watkins Glen, NY. I've been in product development ever since.

Over the years, I worked for many US manufacturing companies up and down the east coast with a primary focus on valves for:

- Water Distribution
- Mining
- Pulp and Paper
- Bio-Pharmaceutical manufacture

I participate in standards development with the Manufacturer's Standardization Society (MSS) and American Water Works Association (AWWA) and enjoy working with customers to identify unmet needs and with manufacturing to figure out a way to meet those needs.

Long after earning a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Tri-State University in Angola, Indiana, before it became TRINE University, I obtained an MBA from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. Currently, my family resides in Chattanooga where four of my five children are in college and the fifth just started playing soccer.