

**1. Tell me a little about yourself.**

My name is Chad Mitchell. I started at Purdue in 2000 with aspirations to become an Actuarial Scientist. After learning more about career opportunities, I transferred to the School of Engineering Technology where I completed my degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology. In the past 16 years I've worked in different manufacturing environments where they fabricated everything from plastic doll heads to commercial nuclear reactors. Currently I am working at the GAF TPO plant in Mt. Vernon manufacturing roofing for commercial buildings and RV's.

**2. What year did you graduate from Mt. Vernon?**

2000

**3. What is your job title?**

Maintenance Supervisor

**4. What does your day to day look like?**

A typical day includes planning work for maintenance personnel, scheduling work on production equipment, ensuring parts availability for planned work, and repairing plant equipment.

**5. What is your favorite part of your job?**

Problem solving and determining the root cause of issues.

**6. What training/education is needed for your job?**

An associates degree in a related field (i.e. electrical, mechanical, circuits, etc...)

**7. What advice would you give to someone considering your job/career?**

Don't feel pressured into going to a four year college after HS. Take advantage of the opportunities at the Technical Center.

**8. What is something you wish you would have known about "real life" when you were in school?**

I had no concept of what the manufacturing environment was like. I didn't learn about manufacturing until I started my COOP at Toyota in Princeton.