

Awesome Alum!

**The Boys & Girls Clubs of Yellowstone County
Alumni Series, this month featuring**

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When did you attend the Club?

I joined the Club in January of 2011 as a Junior Staff. I held different positions through the years and was an interim Program Manager until August 2017. I had the privilege of working at multiple Clubhouses, including Bench, Castle Rock, Medicine Crow, Lockwood, Bair Family, and McKinley. Each one had its own thing going on and finding my place at each was great so it's hard to pick a favorite Clubhouse.

What were some of your favorite moments/memories?

From working with the Club members, it's totally the friendships you make when introducing them to things they might never get the opportunity to try. Being able to socialize and have fun while teaching the Club members about social boundaries and how to build their own social network within a community of peers. From a professional standpoint, it was how forgiving and helpful the leadership was in guiding me to improve at what I was doing. Truthfully, one of the most fun memories I have is from one of my interviews, having the opportunity to rehash some mistakes I made while previously working at the Club and explaining how I would handle it differently.

Did you go to college? What did you study?

I went to MSU, Bozeman, for two and a half years and then transferred to MSU, Billings, for the next three and a half. I got a Bachelor's degree in broad-field elementary education, K-8. I'm currently in my fourth of five years of required apprenticeship, which is online and in field.

What are you up to now?

I am married to a teacher and we're expecting a kid in March 2023. I taught for two years after leaving Club. Since then, I have been working on fire protection systems. Making the moves for the next stage in life: family life!

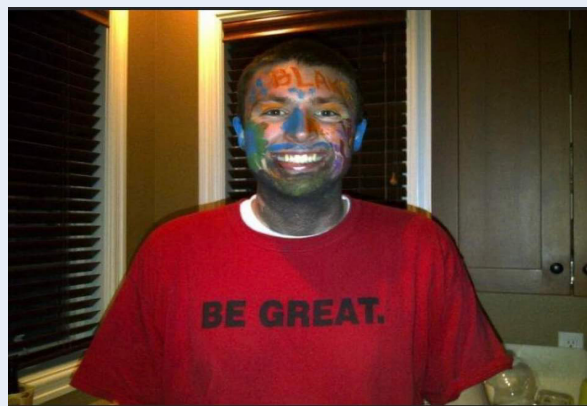


If you could give a Club kid of today some advice, what would that be?

Some lessons are best learned through your mistakes. However, I think it would be either find what interests you, or follow what you already know, and take every advantage you get to be a part of it for as long as you can.

Anything else you would like to add about being a Club kid?

Don't think you're "too cool" to give something a shot. It's okay to not like something you thought would be fun, but the best way to get through it is to make sure you are doing it with people you enjoy being with, so no matter what there's always something positive. The Club was the best place for personal and professional growth that I've ever had. Some jobs are just jobs, but the Club is a family, and it will always hold a special place in my heart.



**If you are a Club alumni or know of anyone
that is, we would love to chat! Please email
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