

MESA ENGINEERING PROGRAM (MEP)

Alumni Profile



Name: Darryl Nevin Gaskin II

Major: Computer Engineering

Student Organizations:

LTC

NSBE

Eta Kappa Nu

Graduation Year: Spring 2006

Current Employer: Pacific Gas & Electric Company

Job Title: Applications/Systems Testing Analyst

Job Description: Test various applications to ensure that the software meets all functional and business requirements. Must create test plans and test scripts for the various applications. Execute test scripts and document defects using Mercury Quality Center.

How did the MESA Engineering Program (MEP) help you? I received a few scholarships either directly through the program or from the guidance of MEP advisors. For my first two years of school, MEP set me up in the University Village Apartments where I was able to network with fellow MEP students and form several study groups. MEP also provided several study resources that helped me survive; resources such as the use of the study center, tutoring, and book lending. If it weren't for the help and guidance from everyone in MEP I probably would have given up trying to achieve my engineering degree.

Favorite Chico memory?

Having fun and getting a little crazy during the LTC paintball and snowboarding trips, receiving a passing grade for my senior project, and finally walking across the stage in my cap and gown.

Did you receive any Scholarships from the MESA Program? Yes, some directly through the program and others from outside sources. Many of which I was advised to apply for by directors and advisors within the program.

Advice for current Chico State MESA students:

Don't follow the engineer's social stereotype. Get out and get involved in student organizations and strive for leadership roles within these organizations. Be an extravert, network and form study groups. This will help you get through your academic years and aid in finding an internship or job later on.

