



Idaho Student and Graduate Profile

For Scott Manning the idea of balancing school, work, and family life was a little overwhelming. But Scott quickly learned that with the flexibility the Cisco® Networking Academy® provided, he was able to balance—and enjoy—all three. Scott was able to attend school in the morning, work in the afternoon, and spend time with his family in the evening, all while pursuing a career in the technology field.

Today, Scott is a network administrator at Western States Equipment Company, holds his Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA®), CompTIA A+ and Security+, MCSA certifications, and is working towards his Cisco Certified Network Professional (CCNP®). Ultimately, Scott would like to earn his Cisco Certified Internetwork Expert (CCIE®) certification as well.

Scott's interest in technology began at an early age. "When I was a kid I always played computer games and enjoyed playing with my parent's computer. It wasn't until high school that I knew I wanted to learn more about them, but wasn't really sure which direction I wanted to go." With the recommendation from his brother, a database administrator, he began his networking path at Boise State University.

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While attending the Networking Academy, Scott worked full time at a local computer repair and consulting firm. "I was able to use the things I learned in the classroom in my daily activities. I started my job knowing very little about computers, but by the time I finished the Networking Academy my supervisor would come to me with questions instead of the other way around. To this day I am his IT support when he has questions, even though I no longer work for him."

In addition to his studies and work, Scott participated in the SkillsUSA Internetworking competitions where he placed first in both the state and national competitions.

"I am a huge fan of the Networking Academy. It has helped me in my personal life with time management skills as well as in my career. I have had three great job opportunities come to me, without any searching on my part since I completed the Networking Academy and placed in the SkillsUSA competition. It really has set me up perfectly to succeed in my career both now and in the future."

In May 2007, Scott completed the Cisco CCNA courses and received his CCNA certification. He currently works at Western States Equipment Co. as a network administrator. "Every day I am able to apply the skills I learned through the Networking



Academy. The Networking Academy helped me get my current job and allows me to leverage my skills daily.”

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