

ALUMNI NOTES

We are asking our alumni to tell us what they are doing now and what they loved about SPPS. We would appreciate it, if you would ask your children who are in the working world to write answers to the three questions in bold below.

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Education: I spent eight years at SPPS, and graduated from GHS in 2007. I earned a BAS in Computer Networking from Boise State University in 2011.

What I do: I am a Public Safety Computer Technologist with Nez Perce County and am the only analyst at the Nez Perce County Sheriff's Office and Adult Detention Center. I am responsible for all computer supported systems which includes the dispatch system, the security camera system, patrol dash cameras, the jail management and visitation system, record management software, as well as general computer and server support for the county.

Prior to working for the county, I worked as an IT Analyst for the University of Idaho's College of Agriculture, and I also worked for Comstrat Corp where I installed servers and computer networks.

What I appreciated most about SPPS: It's hard to know what I appreciate the most because there is so much to choose from. I appreciated the abundant supply of computers in the classroom and the chance to use them regularly which led me to my career. I'm grateful that SPPS recognized the importance of daily and regular computer use as opposed to locking all of their computers up in a lab. I appreciated the small class sizes and focus from staff, practicing public speaking in Mass, and maybe learning the art of dodgeball.

I know that the education that I received at SPPS was above and beyond what is expected from a traditional school. The normal school subjects were made easy due to the small class sizes and teacher dedication. I appreciated the constant lessons in faith and being a good neighbor, which I believe have put me where I am today.