



**Getting to
know...**

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Hello! I started working for the University in 2017 as the Libraries Systems Specialist. I went into college planning on being an Elementary teacher. During my time there, I got a part time job doing repair work on desktop computers that really sparked my drive to transition into the IT field. I met my wife at college as well, and we have a 4-year-old (Claire) and a 2-year-old (Evelyn).

QUESTION & ANSWER

Tell me about your job and why you love what you do?

I maintain the technology that the library faculty, staff, and students use on a daily basis. We have four different locations that I maintain, and there's a healthy variety of technology that makes the libraries go. I've always had a fascination with tech and solving problems, so it's the best of both worlds for me! I know that the work I do empowers my colleagues to be able to help the students and the community learn. Technology and libraries are both changing fields, so it's an interesting place to be!

How did you get involved with UUP?

I'm incredibly grateful for having a robust union, and I wanted to do my part to give back and help make things go. The more of us that are involved empowers us all to have a bigger seat at the table.

How do you make a difference?

I like to think that I'll be making a difference by being the best parent I can be to my two kids. They're our future, and I pour as much time and energy as I can into them. I also try to generally be positive and help others however I can!

What about your community engagement; any hobbies?

I volunteer when I can. I like going to community/park cleanup events this time of year. My co-worker got me involved in a local canteen serving out meals to those in need. I love playing video games (I have a very large amount of time in Destiny 2), board games (really been enjoying playing Outfoxed with my 4 year old), hiking (Salt Springs is great!), cooking (pizza), reading (I'm on the 4th book in the Red Rising series), and I miss sleeping as a hobby.