



2008 INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT CANDIDATE

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My name is Chris Keatts, a Design Apprentice in E27. I have served in many leadership positions in the past. I graduated from Bethel High School with an Advanced Studies diploma and with honors in 1992. I went to CNU from 92 to 96 majoring in Computer Science while working full time as a CNC Machinist. I entered the Army in 1997 and graduated from the US ARMY Signal School as a Microwave Systems Maintainer (Honor graduate and Class Leader). I earned the rank of sergeant in 2000 after graduating from the Primary Leadership Development in the 20 percent of my class. I have been responsible for as many as 15 soldiers and as much as 1.2 million dollars worth of military equipment. I served my country a total of 8 years including two years as a Virginia National Guardsman. I was Activated and sent to Langley AFB and served there as an MP protecting the country's National Defense assets in the Global War on Terror. I began my apprenticeship as an inside Machinist in July of 2005 and was proud to be selected as an ASSA delegate for my Department. I have enjoyed volunteering for many events and will continue to do so with the Jaycees. Although I am proud of my service and accomplishments, there is so much more for me to learn and so many good causes which require dedicated and self-less individuals to be involved. I am always willing to listen and learn because a man who thinks he knows it all... is simply a fool.