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Employee Success Story

Jordan Ward, Sr. Software Architect

When I was younger, no one expected the guy who was into cars, soccer, guitar, and gaming to find a career in software, but all of these have commonality - a great deal of logic, strategy, and declarative boundaries that still allow for variety of approach, and require time to master as a skill/art. Software was a natural fit if you follow why I have the hobbies that I do. Early on in my career, I was fortunate to be mentored by a consultant who majored in philosophy. It may seem like an oddity, but the critical thinking of philosophy lends itself to pragmatism in software and taught me early on how to leverage collaboration and how to challenge ideas as a team. I have always taken it upon myself as a consultant to pay this forward.



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Beacon Bracket Challenge

Thanks to everyone who chose to participate in this year's Beacon Bracket Challenge, where you picked the winners of the Men's and Women's NCAA Tournament games.

Best of luck the rest of the way!



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There is a theme, which is a desire to both learn and teach, understanding the value of the wolf pack mentality and the need to give as much as you receive, if not more. Perhaps not surprisingly then, I spent years coaching soccer, and I was involved helping autistic youth with the Variety Club. My wife Briana has thankfully given me support but also balance in ensuring I stay grounded. It may be obvious that I always want to be moving forward and as a software guy, that has its benefits but there is value in standing still sometimes. At 42, I still play soccer, go to car events with the kids, take my daily walks with Briana, and we always do most things together.

Favorite Client:

Lands' End: in the 7 years I've been contracted there, the tech has continually moved forward, and they have given me a lot of autonomy. To me, that matters.

Family:

My wife Briana and I are celebrating our 18th anniversary this year. Together we have a daughter, Ellaina (19) and son, Jackson (15).

Hobbies:

Cars, soccer, gaming, beer tasting.

Interesting Fact:

Lived my whole life in Wisconsin but never drank until I was 32 (I did not even go to a bar when I turned 21), and, ironically, now I am an enthusiast for craft beers from all over the world, trying to find unique brews to interpret and enjoy.



Beacon Buzz

BENEFITS



Educational Reimbursement Perk

At Beacon, we are committed to fostering your professional development. Beacon offers reimbursement of up to \$2,500 annually for job-related educational expenses. All education and training requests must be preapproved by the HR Director. For more information, contact your Account Manager, Recruiter or Kristen Suttle-Ebert.

Refer A Friend Program

Did you know about our referral bonus program? If you refer a friend to Beacon, we'll pay you \$1,500! Simply contact your Recruiter or Account Manager with your referral, and we'll pay you once that person is hired.



Jordan and his family

Employee Anniversaries

April

Krista Fandek - 4 yrs
John Lison - 8 yrs
David Gauerke - 7 yrs
Sean Collett - 6 yrs

May

David Waite - 3 yrs
Kelsey Price - 9 yrs
Deborah Storczner - 4 yrs
Edward Stube - 9 yrs
Julie Zoellick-Yohn - 2 yrs
Dylan Chisnell - 9 yrs
Ricardo Portillo - 3 yrs
Vidhathri Asani - 2 yrs
Sandeep Dimri - 9 yrs

May (continued)

Deanna Havey - 5 yrs
Gary Engen - 14 yrs
Jeffrey Brach - 4 yrs
Carol Martin - 11 yrs
Jason Bartel - 9 yrs
Deron Cribbs - 3 yrs
Abenezer Sahle - 11 yrs
Jennifer Bronsdon - 10 yrs
Lisa Fangmann - 23 yrs
Sruthakeerthi Venati - 5 yrs
Mary Seppa - 11 yrs
Tristan Graves - 9 yrs
Robin Mickler - 27 yrs
Henry Klenow - 14 yrs
Eric Baeverstad - 26 yrs
Scott Schweitzer - 24 yrs

Mitchell Ziegler - 12 yrs
Zana Bajalan - 3 yrs
Scott Titus - 14 yrs
Corina Nohr - 3 yrs
David Gaustad - 5 yrs
Edward Lightbourn - 3 yrs
Alexander Saad - 3 yrs
Kate Gewehr - 5 yrs
Jon Wing - 5 yrs
Timothy Kuipers - 14 yrs
Kathleen Bowling - 10 yrs
Mary Ripp - 7 yrs
Shelley Udell - 9 yrs
Mary Jo Solowicz - 14 yrs
Chandir Prabhu - 3 yrs
Tobin Jansenberger - 1 yr

June

John Mercuro - 4 yrs
Greg Podolsky - 1 yr
Jacob Heuvelmans - 1 yr
Jennifer Coan - 1 yr
Heather Jakubowski - 1 yr
Kristen Suttle-Ebert - 21 yrs
Karla Niemuth - 1 yr
Keegan O'Brien - 8 yrs
Jessica Clafin - 2 yrs
Tan Nguyen - 1 yr