ABOUT ME

My name is Travis Brasher and I live in Fort Worth, TX with my wife and our two dogs, Juniper and Bubba. While I currently stay quite busy with work, school and projects around the house, in my free time I like to enjoy spending time with my family and friends, music, playing games, reading, and am always trying to learn new things or sharpen and improve on the skills I already have.

**EDUCATION & WORK EXPERIENCE – How Did I Get Here?**

Upon graduating high school in 2011, I began studying Mechanical Engineering at the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) before deciding to change directions and continue my education at Tarrant County College (TCC) while I decided on the career path I wanted to pursue. After completing numerous classes at TCC, I decided to put my education on hold and pursue a career in the Audio/Visual (AV) industry. At this point I had already been on the AV team of my local church for about 5 years but began doing freelance A/V production work with a local production company as my primary job. While I enjoyed the work, I needed a more consistent source of income and began looking to start a career with a local AV installation company. It was around this time that I found my current employer, Electro Acoustics, where I would really begin my career as an Installation Tech and work my way up to Project Lead and now to System Designer.

During my time as a Project Lead, I wanted to sharpen and improve my leadership and project management skills and began looking into continuing my education. Through my work I had begun to develop an interest in Project Management as it was a significant part of my job and felt that a formal education in Project Management would help to improve my career. I began to search for an online Project Management degree program, eventually finding my way to Colorado State University-Global Campus where I began working to complete a B.S. of Project Management.

Shortly after beginning this program, I took an operations management course where I learned about and practiced using data to analyze trends and forecast future demands for operations and products. This made me realize that while I enjoyed the leadership opportunities and tasks and responsibilities associated with project management, I was much more interested and passionate about being able to observe and utilize data to detect patterns and trends that could influence decisions and drive improvements and change. This realization prompted me to make the change from project management to begin pursuing the B.S. in Management Information Systems and Business Analytics degree program, which I am working hard to complete by Fall 2022.

As part of this degree program, I had the opportunity to take part in a basic programming course where I learned the fundamentals of programming in Python as well as the fundamentals and concepts of object oriented programming (OOP). This was my first time participating in any type of programming but I immediately took a great interest in it and added a computer programming specialization to my degree program to continue learning and expanding my programming skills.

While I have enjoyed my time at my current company, I am looking for opportunities that will allow me to grow and continue to learn and improve my programming and data/business analysis skills.

I am working on continuing to broaden my programming skills and data/business analysis skills through online courses, projects and by continuing my education. I hope to complete my degree by October 2022 and am looking to begin a career in business/data analytics. I