

Great Basin College Land Surveying/Geomatics Program Graduates



Kevin German

Kevin German (Spring 2009) researched the problems associated with the archival of survey records over time for his capstone project. This included developing a prototype database for the indexing, archival, and retrieval of land survey records. This was a most difficult project and Kevin's challenge was limiting the scope of his project to fit it into a one semester effort. Upon graduation, Kevin distinguished himself by immediately earning licensure in both Nevada and California. Kevin works for CFA, Inc. in Reno as a Survey Project Manager and has recently become a partner in the firm. He has generously given his time to help the GBC Program as a member of the GBC Land Surveying/ Geomatics Advisory Committee. Kevin is also an active member of the Nevada Association of Land Surveyors currently serving as President-Elect of the Lahontan Chapter. I began the Great Basin Land Surveying/Geomatics Program in the fall of 2006. I was able to transfer in much of my lower division and general education from coursework completed at previous institutions; it took me 3 years (6 semesters) to complete my degree. I started out taking two classes per semester but ramped it up to 4 classes in order to expedite the process. The online nature of the program gave me the flexibility to do this while working full time and raising a family. Weekdays were limited as to the time I could devote so I ended up spending much of my weekends catching up on school work. Much of the motivation to get my degree came from my daughter Morgan who would be heading to college herself in a few years. When emphasizing how important college was and pushing her towards getting a degree, I wanted to be able to say that I had done it myself. Additionally, I knew if I was to stay in surveying, licensure was a must and the degree was the only way to reach that goal due to the legislative requirement for a four year degree for licensure effective July 1, 2010. After a number of different majors over the years and attendance at four different institutions of higher learning, I graduated from Great Basin College in May of 2009 and successfully tested for licensure as a Professional Land Surveyor in Nevada in October of 2009 and California in April of 2010. After enjoying a few years without homework and exams, I am gearing up for my next endeavor which is going to be the Certified Federal Surveyor Program (CFedS).