

CELEBRATING CAREERS IN CONSTRUCTION



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How Did You Get Started In The Skilled Trades?

I began with an interest in spending time outside both for work and for play. While I was in school, I mowed grass and completed basic landscaping jobs. After college, I turned this into my full-time business where I now employ 40 staff members. I coordinate sales, service, and installation of landscape, hardscape, and maintenance for both commercial and residential customers. In managing Trump Lawn and Land Company, I do spend time in the office, however I have the opportunity to be in the field on a daily basis with my employees.



If You Could Do It All Over Again, Would You Choose The Same Career Path?

Yes, because if I wasn't doing this, I do not know what else I would do. This career path has provided me with opportunities to grow and fun challenges to overcome. By starting my own business, I have had the freedom and flexibility to develop my career as I choose, rather than being part of a larger system.

What Do You Love About Your Career?

I enjoy spending time with people. This includes both my employees and my customers. While our work is about landscaping, a surprisingly large amount of it is about establishing relationships with people. It is satisfying to watch projects develop from ideas to completion. Furthermore, seeing satisfied customers with our products and services brings a great sense of accomplishment to the employees at Trump Lawn and Land.

What's Your Advice For A Young Person Unsure About The Future And A Career Path?

Do something that interests you. It can take time to find a match between what interests you and a job that fits your future plans. Often, teachers and counselors will encourage you to consider college, however, there are many rewarding career opportunities that do not require a college degree. Plus, college and other educational opportunities are always available at a later time. Explore a variety of career paths (college included) before simply choosing one that someone else suggests.



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