

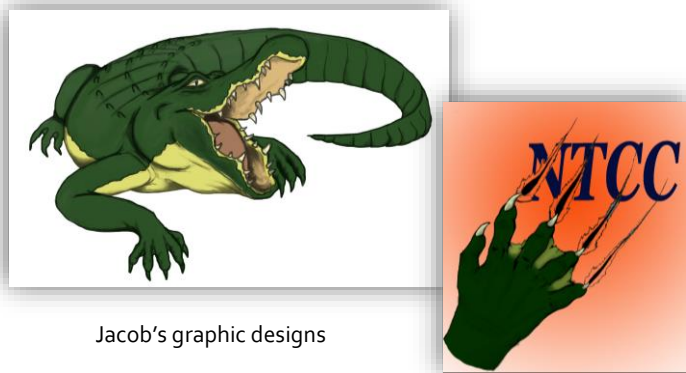


Alumnus Spotlight Jacob Cooper Information Technology, Class of 2014

Jacob Cooper, Sales Engineer at Uniti Fiber, began his education at Northshore Technical Community College in 2012 after being laid off from a construction job for the second time in just 2 years. Jacob says that his mother was enrolled at NTCC for Medical Billing and Coding, so he decided to give it a try. His interest in technology and 3D art design led him to enroll in NTCC's Information Systems Technology Program to study networking.

Upon completion of his first semester, Jacob was hired to work part-time at Hunt Telecom and he stayed with the company after graduation in May 2014. That same year, Jacob worked with the NBA and Cisco on production of an all-stars game in New Orleans, which he describes as an awesome experience. He also advanced to the 2nd round of the Cisco Netriders Competition, the only participant in the state to make it that far that year.

Jacob started his career as a Tier 1 Technician working the help desk and doing fiber splicing and fiber installation. Hunt Telecom was purchased by Uniti Fiber in 2018, and Jacob was promoted to Sales Engineer in July 2022.



Jacob's graphic designs

In 2018, Jacob met Stephanie, a Licensed Master Social Worker who was living and working in New Orleans. They married in April 2019 and are now proud parents of Jacob Eli, age 2 years and 9 months, and Oliver, born May 24, 2023. Stephanie is enjoying time as a full-time homemaker and parent, and Jacob continues his career with Uniti Fiber. They are members of New Jerusalem Church and in their free time, they enjoy traveling.



Jacob, Jacob Eli, and Stephanie Cooper



Oliver Cooper

"My advice to current IT students is to practice the fundamentals of routing and switching, learn the standards, and have a passion for the work."

Jacob Cooper
