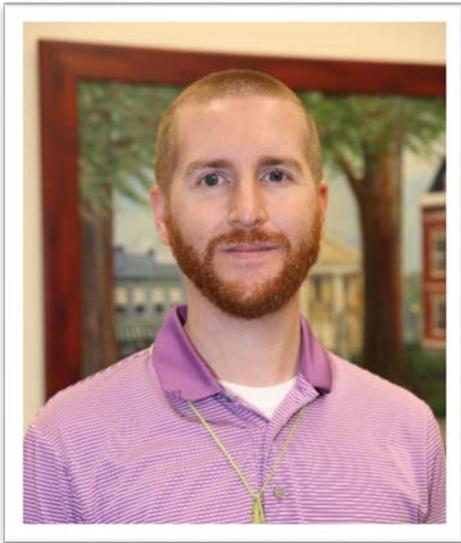




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## Shamus Mulvihill Eastside High School Class of 2002



Soon after graduation from the Georgia Institute of Technology, Covington native Shamus Mulvihill began working his way up the career ladder at SRG Global, ultimately attaining the position of plant manager in his hometown. When asked what helped set him on this course for success he answered without hesitation.

“I could not have made it to where I am today without the education I received in the Newton County School System,” said Mulvihill. “It prepared me for one of the hardest engineering programs in the nation and it did that by giving the educational background to solve problems and the social skills to find a good school/life balance in college.”

The Eastside High School Class of 2002 graduate spent kindergarten through twelfth-grade in Newton County Schools, attending East Newton Elementary School, Eastside Transitional School, Indian Creek Middle School, and Eastside High School. Mulvihill noted he had many special teachers along the way, including Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Marks, Coach Haymore, Mr. Miller, Mr. Kinnaird, and Mrs. Harwell.

“I had great teachers in high school who really cared and were passionate about teaching,” he said. “All the disciplines were great, but I had some excellent math and science teachers.”

One in particular, he said, stood out from the rest—Mrs. Clarice Dozier.

“She taught me algebra 2 and trigonometry,” said Mulvihill. “She had a real no-nonsense approach to math that seemed pretty harsh at the time but ultimately better prepared me for success at Tech.”

Although Mulvihill remained focused on his studies, he also made sure he was well-rounded and active in organizations and extra-curricular activities at Eastside.

“I was in the Naturalist Club all four years; I was on student council my senior year; and I played tennis all four years,” he said. He was even one of Eastside’s Top Ten Graduates for the Class of 2002.

Mulvihill said he chose Georgia Tech after high school for two reasons.

“I knew I wanted to be an engineer and it was the best school for that at the best value considering in-state tuition plus the Hope scholarship,” he said, adding, “I chose to major in mechanical engineering because I always like to take things apart and understand how they worked.”

Mulvihill graduated from Georgia Tech in 2006 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. While in college he worked for the Georgia Tech radio station, WREK 91.1. Upon graduation he pursued his career goals in the engineering field.

“I have been working for SRG Global for 14 years,” he said. “I started off as an Industrial Engineer in Covington. From there I became the Industrial Engineering Manager and later the new program launch coordinator.”

At that point, Mulvihill transferred to corporate headquarters in Michigan for two years to be a program manager. His next career move saw him pack up and transfer to Poland to support one of the company’s factories there with new launches.

“I came back to Covington as the engineering manager and now I serve as the plant manager in Covington,” he said.

When not working, Mulvihill loves to golf, snowboard when possible, and play the piano. He serves on the pastoral council at St. Augustine Catholic Church and he gives back to the Newton County School System by serving as a frequent judge for the district’s VEX Robotics competitions.

Although his career took him out of state and even out of the country, Mulvihill said he’s glad to be back home in Newton County.

“I would absolutely recommend Newton County Schools and the Newton County community to others considering a move here,” he said. “I am so happy I have had a chance to come back home and give back to the community that provided me so much.”

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