Adam Sweezy, AAS Networking Technology, Cisco Networking Certificate, and Wireless Networking Certificate

Adam Sweezy would probably be the first to tell you that working as an IT Specialist at a Cisco Smart Certified conference center is a pretty awesome gig; and, at the age of 24 years-old, most folks would have to agree. It wasn't so long ago that Sweezy graduated from high school and was working a minimum wage job and realizing this was not the future he wanted for himself. Once he decided to earn a degree in Networking Technology at CCC, he saw his life began to change. "A significant part of the Networking Technology degree is the Cisco Academy. It didn't take me very long to realize that Cisco has completely saturated the IT market with their products and employees are looking for people familiar with it. I knew the Cisco Academy was my ticket to a better future," Sweezy says.

When you couple this degree and certification with the fact that data centers are popping up all over Cleveland County it is no wonder Sweezy knew he would be successful in finding a good job. "I can truly tell anyone that taking the time to go through the Networking Technology program and the Cisco Academy is time well spent. It was one of the best career decisions I could have possibly made," he adds. Sweezy also says he began looking for a job in the IT field halfway through completing his degree and certification and says just by mentioning he was in the Cisco Academy he landed a job. "Even with no IT experience, my stating I was enrolled in these programs landed me a job. The employer was confident I would be able to do the job of Network Communications Technician."
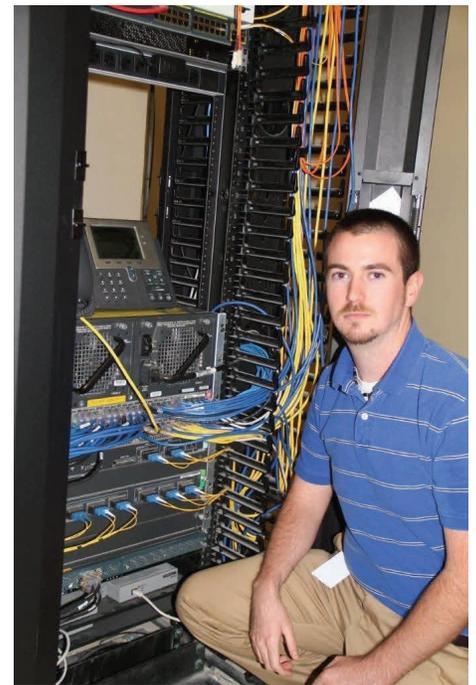
While all of this was taking place, an 84,000 square foot conference center called the LeGrand Center was also taking shape. Little did Adam Sweezy know, but he would eventually become the center's IT specialist responsible for the buildings Cisco catalyst switches, Cisco Physical Access manager, and the Cisco Video Surveillance Manager and all of the devices that are associated. "Obviously, I am doing something I love and have no regrets," he adds. "Plus, this definitely beats working for minimum wage."