

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

### *Tanner Engelhardt*

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Just prior to officially enrolling at Coastal Bend College in Beeville, Tanner Engelhardt awoke with arm tightness and some amount of pain. For the high school centerfielder who planned to play baseball at Coastal Bend, Engelhardt took it as a sign.

He immediately changed his collegiate plans.

“My dad’s grandfather played football at A&M, and even though my direct family didn’t have ties to A&M, two of my cousins went to A&M and loved it,” Engelhardt said from his home in Austin. “I loved the culture at A&M, and I had gone to a football game at Kyle Field the year before I enrolled. I loved the atmosphere and decided to apply to A&M on the very last day that admissions were open. I ended up getting on the Blinn team, and I just decided to give up baseball and focus on school.”

Engelhardt also focused on finding a job while he went to Blinn and A&M for the first two years of his collegiate career.

At the suggestion of a longtime family friend and Miramont Member, Steve Vaughan, Engelhardt submitted an application to Miramont even before he ever started school at Blinn.

“I started at Miramont right before I started school in June of 2016,” Engelhardt said. “My dad and Steve have been best friends since college. Steve has always been like a second father to me. We were hunting one weekend, and we were talking about jobs that I might pursue while going to school in College Station. Steve said I ought to try working at Miramont. He said it was a great place, and he reached out to (Miramont Director of Golf) Rob Yee on my behalf. I got an interview with Rob, and the rest is history.

“Rob was an incredible boss to me throughout my time at Miramont. I also loved the freedom of being outside every day. I love communicating with people and meeting new people, so working as one of the golf attendants at Miramont was perfect for me because I was able to meet so many great people. I think it set me up well for where I am today.”

Today, Engelhardt is working in sales with UBEO, one of the fastest-growing companies in the business technology industry. UBEO has locations in nine different states and in 12 cities in Texas. Engelhardt is based in Austin, where his father and fellow Miramont Member Jim Sheffield started the first UBEO office more than 30 years ago.



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“I work in sales under my dad, Rex,” Engelhardt said. “I have known Bees Sheffield and Jim Sheffield—both Miramont Members—for many years. My dad has worked with Jim for 30-something years. They started UBEO here in Austin. And, of course, Steve Vaughan works for UBEO in Bryan-College Station. I love what I do. It’s continuing to pick up through COVID. It was a tough time to enter the field when I first started, but it will only get better. I do a lot of cold-calling, and I get to talk with plenty of people every day.”

In addition to working at Miramont and earning a finance degree through the Mays Business School, Engelhardt also ran a small automobile detailing business that he had started in high school and continued on through college. He did detailing work for a couple of Miramont Members while in college.

Engelhardt says he still stays in touch with many of his co-workers from his years at Miramont. In fact, at least five former Miramont employees will be at Engelhardt’s wedding when he marries his high school sweetheart and fellow Texas A&M graduate, Alden Howard, on March 12.

“Miramont was such a great place for me to work while I went to A&M,” Engelhardt said. “I have so many great memories of the people there. I am ready to embark on a new chapter of life, getting married and building a career. But I will always look back fondly on those times at Miramont as some formative years.”