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I am currently working as a security engineer at Travelers in Hartford, CT and am working as a Splunk SIEM technologist. In the past year, I moved from being accountable for data security and data source simplification for business intelligence data assets - including understanding business' data consumption needs and data security classification – to data access security, balancing and controls, strategic data consumption monitoring, and sun setting legacy sources in partnership with the business, IS Security, legal, and IT. I then moved to work in our SOC in IS Security where I worked on malware analysis and containment, Blue Coat Internet Content Filtering reporting, IPS, SIEM monitoring, and actively preventing live phishing campaigns. In just a few short months I was asked to join our IS Security engineering and architecting team where I am now in charge of sun setting our legacy SIEM and implementing Splunk.

I recently started my Masters' of Science at Roger Williams University for Cybersecurity. I graduated Westfield State University with a BA in Mathematics in 2014. Two months after I graduated I was hired by Travelers and started in data and research working on building predictive models in SAS and R and started my blended role in data security. I found a passion for looking for anomalies in user behavior and logs much like looking for patterns to build a model and have since followed my passion in the security world.

Westfield State played a big part in getting where I am today. I took advantage of any statistics classes that were offered and even did independent studies. Always take advantage of every opportunity - not only learn how to do something, but why you need to. Summer internships are very important and can really help you land your first job out of college or to be welcomed back for another internship. I didn't know I wanted to be in a technical field until later, but if you do be sure to ask the professors for resources and take those classes that focus on different technical languages.

"The person with big dreams is more powerful than the one with all the facts" - H. Jackson Brown, Jr.