Get to KNOW...
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JOB TITLE: Mechanical Engineer (Virtual Design & Construction Engineer)
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IMMEDIATE FAMILY: Don and Pam (parents), Andrew (younger, not-so-little, brother)
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“ASPE is professional family — individuals brought together with similar core values, beginning with the respect and appreciation for the plumbing design industry. We appreciate each and every one of our members no matter the age, race, or gender. Our family extends to the communities where our commitment for continuous growth and education are undeniable.”

IF YOU COULD TRAVEL ANYWHERE, WHERE WOULD IT BE? It might seem strange to some, but for me I would like to travel anywhere with no plans—simply go up to the travel counter and pick a flight with no bags and no plans and see where the experience takes me. I am a planner by nature, so this would really test me and be extremely exciting all at the same time.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ANIMAL? White Bengal tiger. This snowy striped cat (King Zulu of the Audubon Zoo in New Orleans) was a magnificent beauty. As a small child I remember visiting the exotic collection of animals at the Audubon Zoo and the piercing eyes of the white Bengal tiger. Its beautiful chocolate stripes against the stark white fur was breathtaking.

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES OUTSIDE OF WORK? I have recently taken up the hobby of skeet and trap shooting at the longest-running facility in the United States. Trap shooting has been around since the 18th century. I personally use a 20 gauge over/under style shotgun. If you are in the need of a challenge, I would suggest you find a facility near you. I also enjoy fishing, reading, and wine tasting to name a few.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY? During the summer time my family would spend a good amount of time on Lewis Smith Lake in Cullman, Alabama. We would have many people up there enjoying boating, skiing, and swimming during the day, but at night there was no cable in the family cabin so all of us (12+ people) would typically play a card game called Liverpool Rummy (Phase 10) late into the night/morning. Nothing beats a good competitive family!

DO YOU HAVE A NICKNAME? HOW DID YOU GET IT? I suppose Blair would be my nickname. Although not uncommon in the South, I am recognized by my middle name. Other than Blair, I would guess my other nickname would be “Aunt Bee.”

WHERE IS YOUR FAVORITE VACATION SPOT? WHY DO YOU KEEP GOING BACK? We have so much to see, and so little time. I pick different destinations every time I travel. There is a whole world to discover with the varying cultures, food, histories, and adventures. Some of my favorites are Jiuzhaigou National Park, China; the Scottish Highlands, Scotland; Saint Patrick’s Cathedral, Ireland; and scuba diving in Cancun, Mexico.