



Tyler Curtis

Resides: Emporia, KS

Hometown: Liberal, KS

Education: BSE '01 in English and Social Sciences; MS '04 in Educational Administration

Professional background:

- ◆ Alumni Relations Director, Emporia State University, Emporia, KS – 2010-present
- ◆ Legislative Liaison, Emporia State University, Emporia, KS – 2010-present
- ◆ Principal, Atchison Public Schools, Atchison, KS – 2008-2010
- ◆ Language Arts Teacher, Seaman Public Schools, Topeka, KS – 2001-2008

Special honors/awards:

- ◆ Virginia Carter Smith Scholarship, Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), 2011
- ◆ Teacher of the Year, Seaman High School, 2007-08
- ◆ Distinguished Senior, Emporia State University, 2001
- ◆ Outstanding Fraternity Man, Emporia State University, 2001

Special interests/hobbies:

Family time, music, movies, fishing, reading, sports (spectator role)

Favorite memory as a Hornet:

There are too many to list here, but being crowned Homecoming King in 2000 was special and memorable. Helping Cardinal Key and Xi Phi with Homecoming, working with ASG during the recreation center project, and being active with my fraternity and the interfraternity council were all great experiences. Maybe my favorite single memory was asking Melanie Ervin out for our first date during Homecoming in 1999. Mel and I have now been married for 9 ½ years and have two daughters together. A lot of really good things happened and continue to happen for us here at ESU.

Favorite college class or professor and why:

Dr. Chris Lovett's Vietnam War class. This was the first class I had with Dr. Lovett and I learned so much about the history of the conflict as well as the effects of the Vietnam War, many of which we are still dealing with today in the U.S.A. and beyond. Dr. Lovett was (and continues to be) a great speaker who is extremely knowledgeable. Since he was in the military during Vietnam, his perspective was priceless. Plus, he said he knew a lot of classified information about the war per his position in the military. Fact or fiction, it was intriguing. His class inspired me to learn more and think deeper about our past, present, and future.

Alumni Board Position:

- ◆ Secretary/Treasurer

Committee Assignments:

- ◆ Executive Committee
- ◆ Legislative Committee
- ◆ Alumni Awards Selection Committee