

# VR Success Story: VR Helps Student Make Dream Job a Reality



- Jacob applied for VR services while in high school. He needed assistance with reducing anxiety to improve his performance in school
- VR provided him with individualized vocational guidance and counseling, helping him make informed choices about his educational goals
- Jacob graduated from high school with honors and started his undergraduate studies
- His VR counselor helped him obtain a Computer Software Engineering internship at HP
- VR also assisted Jacob with his program at ISU, helping him focus on his goals and access resources
- With the guidance of his VR counselor, Jacob developed coping strategies to reduce his anxiety. This improved his focus and concentration, leading to better test scores. He graduated from college with a 4.0 GPA
- Jacob's employer recognized his strengths and offered him a full-time position with benefits
- Jacob's passion for working with computers became a reality. He achieved his goal and intends to stay at Hewlett Packard long term

**IDVR Mission** is to prepare individuals with disabilities for employment and career opportunities while meeting the needs of the employers.

## JACOB'S SUCCESS STORY

**Occupation: Computer Software Engineer**

**Employer: HP**

**Location: Boise, ID**

**Credentials Obtained: Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Idaho State University**

**Hourly Wage: \$35.58**

**Weekly Hours: 40**

*"The biggest impact through VR was the Vocational guidance helped me to obtain better test scores and graduate with honors. Vocational Rehabilitation was also instrumental in helping me gain my internship at HP that enabled me to move into a full-time position. My relationship with my team is great. I feel like this team is a good spot to be in. There is a lot of growth opportunity. The other members of my team are great about teaching me new things and helping me learn the ins and outs of my role. They are all very supportive of my goals for my career."*

**Jacob, VR Customer**

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