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I was born and raised in St. Louis and attended John Burroughs High School. I started Princeton University as a washed-up high school athlete who wanted to stay in shape. So, I decided to participate in Army ROTC while studying economics. I was commissioned as an Infantry officer at graduation and served in a variety of leadership roles in the Airborne Rangers. After my military commitment, I attended Harvard Business School, desiring to continue my collegiate studies in finance. Upon graduation, I returned to St. Louis and began work at Thompson Street Capital Partners. As a vice president, I work with our CFO and four managing directors to help evaluate investment opportunities for our \$300 million fund.

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

Leading soldiers in combat during my four deployments as a platoon leader with the 2nd Ranger Battalion in Afghanistan and Iraq.

How do you contribute to the community?

I am on three nonprofit boards. The St. Louis Police Foundation raises money for equipment and capital projects for the police that are beyond the city's budget. The 2nd Ranger Battalion Assistance Foundation (assistrangers.org) is a "back-stopper" organization for my old unit and provides financial help to the families of fallen Rangers. I also co-founded BeyondOrders.org, a Web site that facilitates humanitarian aid to Iraq and Afghanistan—a sort of "Craig's List" for soldiers to request needed items for communities where they serve.

Tell us about your most embarrassing work moment.

On my first day of a college internship, I cut myself on a filing cabinet—yes, a filing cabinet—and my boss had to take me to the emergency room. Luckily, that embarrassing calamity did not happen to me on my first day in the Rangers because I would not have lived it down.