

CWU Geological Sciences Alumni

What are they doing today?

Our alumni go on to pursue a variety of careers in which they use the skills and knowledge they gained through their major. They tell us that they now have jobs like:

Mineralogist, *Freeport McMoRan Copper and Gold*
9th-grade Science Teacher, *Redmond, WA*
Wellsite geologist, *Columbine Logging*
Environmental geologist, *North Bend, WA*
Geologist, *Chesapeake Energy*
Mudlogging Geologist, *Tecton Geologic*
Field Geologist, *GeoEngineers*
Community College Instructor, *Jacksonville, NC*
Geodetic Field Engineer, *UNAVCO*
Geothermal Exploration Geologist, *US Navy*
Consulting geologist, *Associated Earth Sciences*
Geologist, *Bureau of Reclamation*
Hydrogeologist, *WA Department of Ecology*
Hazards geologist, *Washington Geological Survey*
Geologist, *Cascades Volcano Observatory*
GIS Analyst, *Kitsap County, WA*
Content developer, *American Meteorological Society*
Geology professor, *University of North Carolina*
Geography professor, *CWU*
Middle School Science Teacher, *Tacoma, WA*
Marine Science Technician, *Natural Resources Consultants*
Geophysical Software Specialist, *Seismic Micro-Technology, Inc.*
Law enforcement officer, *Seattle, WA*
Land Use Planner, *Colville, WA*
Water quality geologist, *State of Wyoming*
Borehole geologist, *Schlumberger*
Museum educator, *The Field Museum (Chicago)*
Forestry technician, *Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest*
Water Resources Technician, *Swinomish Indian Tribal Community*
Map drafter, *DR Griffin & Associates*

...and the list goes on and on!

Check out our alumni webpage to learn more: <http://www.geology.cwu.edu/alumni/>

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Where did they go to graduate school?

Many of our students go on to do graduate work, both MS and PhD, at a variety of institutions, including:

Arizona State University
Central Washington University
Idaho State University
Portland State University
Royal Holloway, University of London
Stanford University
SUNY-Buffalo
University of Alaska, Anchorage
University of Arizona
University of California, Davis
University of Utah
University of Utrecht, The Netherlands
Washington State University
Western Washington University

What do they say about their time at CWU?

*My CWU Geology education helped to **prepare me for a job** in the environmental consulting industry by giving me a strong scientific base of general geologic and hydrogeologic principles upon which to build deductive reasoning, scientific writing and technical skills.*

*CWU Geology was most helpful in giving me some **very practical and applicable experience** before entering the job world. Most of what I've done in the past eight years since graduation helped me obtain my current job, but that work would not have taken place without the experience CWU gave me.*

*The degree I received from Central really prepared me for success at graduate school and for a career in the geosciences. The longer I hang around academia, the more I have come to appreciate the quality of the geology program at CWU. **Field trips and camaraderie** are what come to mind when I reflect on my time as a geology major.*

*CWU Geology prepared me for **technical writing**, as I am always writing reports which seem like mini-theses. Past geology courses helped me pass the LG test. I also draw cross sections a lot.*

*It only took a few months to realize that **the field and classroom experience I was exposed to at Central put me in a different class**. Everything from taking good notes that you (and others) can read and understand to working and solving complex problems are skills I have taken from my CWU Geology experience and use daily.*

*One of the greatest things about CWU geology is the push for hands-on geology with the number of opportunities available to take part in **undergraduate research and field work** as well as the variety of field trips offered in the classes. Experiencing geology first-hand is when you learn the most. I have fond memories of Bishop, Hawaii, geology club, late nights looking into the microscope, conferences, research projects, and the list goes on. **Simply stated, CWU Geology Rocks!***

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