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NICK STRICKER

GENERAL FOREMAN & DC21 DELEGATE

SPOTLIGHT

On Nick Stricker:

Title General Foreman with Enclos (Headquartered in Eagan, Minn.)
Hometown Port Richmond
Family Girlfriend Alexis McVeigh and daughter Olivia Marie
Favorite Movie Goodfellas
Favorite Sports Team Philadelphia Eagles

Congratulations Nick and Alexis who welcomed Olivia Marie on May 24!

ABOUT NICK

Self-proclaimed "boring guy" Nick Stricker grew up in Northeast Philadelphia, attended Saint Martha's Elementary School and Northeast Catholic High School, then entered glazing after graduation in 2006. His father, Tim Stricker, worked as a glazier during Nick's upbringing and today works as the Executive Assistant to the General President for the International Union of Painters and Allied Tradesmen. Nick admits his dad was a role model who showed the opportunities a glazing career could offer. "I always liked working with my hands," Nick explained. "I knew I wasn't a stuck-in-the-office kind of guy."

WORK HISTORY

Nick's quiet modesty downplays his steady rise to a leadership role. After working with several local shops as an apprentice and journeyperson glazier, Nick joined Enclos in 2013. The façade engineering and curtainwall design company is one of the largest specialty design-build contractors in the United States. Headquartered in Minnesota, Enclos has a local office in Center City, Philadelphia. Nick earned a promotion to general foreman in September 2018.

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Nick oversees most of the company's regional projects, which presently includes work at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) and at the new Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, where the $85 million Enclos scope of work includes curtain wall, cassette wall glazing, unitized glazing, and three glass-enclosed bridges. Nick also led the Enclos scope of work at the Comcast Innovation and Technology Center, completed in 2018.

Left: Glazier Hayward Kittrell, Carpenter Ray Kirby, and Nick working together

At right, top to bottom: Olivia Marie, Nick and Olivia, Nick and Alexis, Nick and his father Tim Stricker

Nick's promotion from journeyperson to foreman came midway through his work at CHOP's Buerger Center for Advanced Pediatric Care, a project that ranks among his favorites for its dramatic architecture.

ON-THE-JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

Nick's general foreman responsibilities include overseeing glazing crews, ordering materials and equipment, and coordinating activities with other construction teams and trades on site. Nick enjoys his work. "I like being around the guys all the time, and I like the change of scenery. You get the best views in the city from the skyscrapers."

INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP

In addition to his foreman role, Nick serves as an accredited practical examiner for the NCCCO manipulator test. He conducts the twice-yearly class and test at the Finishing Trades Institute. Nick also represents the glaziers as a delegate for District Council 21.

"Be smart, work hard, and be willing to learn," Nick suggests to any young person pursuing a glazing career and to those who want to climb the leadership ladder. He adds with a laugh that being unafraid of heights is a definite advantage. "You'd be surprised how many guys are scared of heights!"

NEWEST CHALLENGE

Despite how well Nick has advanced in glazing, his biggest challenge started on May 24, 2020 when he and girlfriend Alexis McVeigh welcomed daughter Olivia Marie into the world.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Tim Stricker made it an unofficial policy not to interfere much in his son's career trajectory. Given his own leadership in glazing, Tim anticipated Nick might have extra scrutiny because of his name. Instead, Tim encouraged Nick and then stepped out of the way, watching with pride as his son has handled himself with poise and proficiency.

Tim attributes much of Nick's professional growth to his brother Rob, another fellow glazier. "[Rob's] mentoring, confidence, and the trust he put in Nick was a tremendous asset in Nick growing his leadership skills," Tim describes. "I knew he would do well, and I couldn't be more proud of him on how hard he has worked to put himself in the position he is in today."