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What does your company do? McGladrey & Pullen provides audit, tax, and consulting services to our clients.

What attracted you to the company? The company's reputation in the industry attracted me to the company. The comfort level I felt with the people I met during the interview process.

Please list some of your duties: I travel to client locations and conduct audit of their financial statements.

What are the best/most interesting things about your job? Touring the client's facilities and gaining an understanding of how their business operates.

What is the most rewarding thing about your job? Having the opportunity to examine a wide range of businesses and how they are organized and operate.

How did you decide on this career path? It suited my personal strengths of organization. I saw this career as an opportunity to learn how different businesses operate.

What kind of school, classes, and training most prepared you with the necessary skills?
To obtain the necessary skills to be an auditor one needs to go to college and take mainly business and accounting classes. Internships provide additional real world opportunities to develop the skills sets necessary to be an auditor.

Do you make a good living? I make a fairly good standard living.

What kind of salary and benefits can a new employee at your company expect?
Auditors make one of the higher starting salaries of student upon graduation from college. Benefits include vision, dental, and health.

What advice would you give to students who are undecided on a career choice? Try to find something that interest you while also considering if there is a market for the position.

Finally, what do you think makes you a good Dream Team candidate?
I find manufacturing to be an interesting industry and one in which I hope to expand my knowledge of. As a native Nebraskan I think it is important for Nebraska to have a strong viable manufacturing presence to provide jobs for or citizens and create economic value that will benefit our community. I would like to aid in this effort.