

# *Spotlight on Student Success*

## **Wallace Pattison**

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### **Built His Foundation at West Shore**

West Shore graduate Wallace Pattison was awarded Lockheed Martin's 2013 Employee of the Year at the Wallops Island location. Wallace is currently a systems engineer specializing in project management where he is handling projects to install the US Navy's Aegis Combat System equipment into a land-based test site.

His career aspirations started in high school when, as a Rocky River student, he enrolled in the Electronics program at the West Shore Career-Technical District. "The program gave me the opportunity to learn and become familiar with the basic concepts of electronics. The hands-on instruction was both an improvement from the monotony of standard classroom curriculum, at least in my experience, and more importantly, an opportunity to understand how basic electronic circuits operate," stated Wallace.

After graduating from West Shore and Rocky River High School in 2005, Wallace attended the University of Akron majoring in Electrical Engineering. While studying at UA, he had the opportunity to co-op with Ridge Tool Company. Wallace has been with Lockheed Martin, the nation's largest defense contractor since August 2010.



When asked about the West Shore's hands-on career and technical training programs, Wallace shared, "I believe that West Shore's Electronics program instilled a new found interest in electronics for me which I have turned into my career."

Wallace's advice for current high school students:

"The effort you put in now will pay off in the future, and the more effort you put in the better off you will be."

**West Shore Career-Tech congratulates Wallace on his award and wishes him continued success in his career.**