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Cisco Networking Academy has been changing worlds for 20 years. To celebrate this milestone, we are spotlighting some of the 7.8 million students worldwide who have benefited from this IT education and career building program.

Andrew Giddings

- Phoenix, Arizona
- Current Occupation: Interim Vice President, Information Technology/CIO
- Networking Academy coursework: CCNA 1-4
- One word to describe his Networking Academy experience: Life-changing

Andrew's hero is his father, a long-time high school teacher and coach. 'All I ever wanted was to make my dad proud,' Andrew says. Along with everything else Andrew's father did, he taught a Networking Academy course.

Originally, Andrew wasn't sure the technology field was right for him; he simply took the Networking Academy course to be closer to his father. But Andrew was quickly hooked. In fact, he says, it set his career on a 'different trajectory.'

After graduating, Andrew has held a variety of positions in the IT sector, with increasing levels of responsibility. When Andrew told his father about his current role at Mesa Community College-a large school with an enrollment of over 26,000- his father broke down with pride. Both say the Networking Academy got him where he is today.

'Listen to Andrew Giddings' story'

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