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## Dale Wesson

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Anyone who knows **Dale Wesson** knows that, for him, Chick-fil-A is truly all in the family. He met his wife Amanda when they worked for Dale's dad, Operator Barry Wesson, at University Drive FSU in Huntsville, Alabama. Soon, Dale's brothers-in-law and sister-in-law – Matthew, Heath and Heather Kyle – became Operators. Rounding out the group is mother-in-law Freda Kyle, Operator at South Memorial Parkway FSU. It would seem fitting, then, that Dale would pursue the same, right? Well...almost. Dale explains that a college course in management information systems ignited a different spark. "I realized that my strengths were more suited to finding technical solutions.

Dale began his career at the home office working with the Helpdesk and soon forged ahead to the Restaurant Information Systems Team. Halfway through his tenure at the home office Dale joined the initiative to start building Web applications for Operators and now does this for all of Chick-fil-A, Inc. "It's gratifying to have been a part of building that framework. It was all on-the-job training." Dale enjoys the fact that his job allows him to serve different areas within the company. "It's a challenge for me to figure out a technology solution to help people do their jobs better." He is constantly inspired by those around him to do his best. "The home office is filled with motivated and bright people. I have an obligation to be at the top of my game because they are always at the top of theirs."

Although he's spent the last ten years working from the home office, Dale says it's the time spent in his dad's Unit that shaped him into the man he has become. "It was my dad teaching me the value of hard work and the values of Chick-fil-A." And in case you're wondering, yes, when the Wesson and Kyle families get together the talk is usually about business. "This company is woven into how we live our lives. It's glued our families together. Chick-fil-A feeds our family in more ways than one." That may be true – but Dale Wesson has proved that you don't have to be an Operator to nourish those around you.

**Words of Wisdom:** Find work you enjoy and give it your best every day. The result will be blessing after blessing.