Q & A with Nathan Yergler
IPFW Computer Science, Class of 2006

Nathan Yergler (left) and Asheesh Laroia.

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Describe what you have been doing since you graduated from IPFW.

After graduating from IPFW I was appointed Chief Technology Officer of Creative Commons, a non-profit organization that develops legal and technical tools to help people share work on the web and reduce the transaction cost of reusing copyrighted works. Since becoming CTO, I have been responsible for growing the engineering team and continuing to develop the decentralized technology that underlies our approach to marking work online. In the past year I’ve increased the amount of public speaking I do, traveling to Europe, Africa, and South America to present on my work with Creative Commons.

What advice or encouragement would you offer our current students to increase their chances of success in the computing field?

The most successful people I know are those who are engaged with the field and exploring technology and new ideas both in and out of the workplace. Individuals who are actively exercising their creativity are able to see solutions to problems that others might not.