

Kevin Phillip, Career Choice

Kevin Phillip is a first generation American. His parents, Mary and Kirth Phillip, were molded from a country of rich culture and poverty. Growing up in Trinidad prepared Mary and Kirth for a life of hard work and smart financial planning. At the age of 13 Mary began saving money by making ice cream for passing pedestrians on the side of a dirt road. In search of better opportunities and financial stability, Mary and Kirth used their savings to move to America, where they were married and nurtured 3 children. Kirth worked in the laundry department at the local hospital for 30 years until his retirement. Mary always found a way to make money using her networking and entrepreneurial skills.

Kevin Phillip was born in Galveston TX in 1987. Raised to appreciate happiness, he often came home to the smell of fresh bread and soca music blasting in the air. As a child, he absorbed his parents culture and embraced the Trinidad customs in hopes to pass them to his children one day.

Kevin earned his stripes through the local Boys and Girls Club organization. There, he quickly became a youth leader and the “life of the party”.

During his high school years, Kevin developed an affinity for student government. Hosting talent shows and planning school events allowed his huge personality to flourish, while creating a network that he still leverages today.

Without much research or thought, Kevin planned to become a Dental Hygienist upon graduation. Before the end of his senior year, his Uncle John visited and informed him of a more lucrative career path with limited time and money spent in college. Taking heed to his uncles advise, Kevin enrolled in the College of the Mainland and worked as a delivery man for Marios Pizza to finance his weekend hobbies. 3 years later he graduated with an Associate Degree in Process Technology, and used his constantly growing network to land a job at Marathon Petroleum as an Operator. Now going on 10 years Kevin is still working for Marathon currently as Shift Foreman.

Kevin see’s opportunity in each person he meets. His ability to connect with people is one of his greatest skills. **Harnessing the spirit of his mother, Kevin lives every moment to the fullest without fearing death.**

