



Scott Bradford

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Scott Bradford was born and raised in West Michigan. As an 8 year old, he attended a Boy Scouts of America luncheon, honoring Gerald Ford, the USA's only 'Eagle Scout' President. When he got home, Scott announced he was going to be an Eagle Scout, too, and seven years later he was one.

Scott also wanted to learn karate and set a goal to earn a blackbelt. He went on to earn two blackbelts, in different forms of martial arts. He participated in a number of high school sports with his clear favorite being lacrosse. In his senior year, he was selected to play in the MHSAA's 'East / West' all-star game.

Scott attended the University of Michigan, graduating with honors. During his summers off, he worked in Germany in order to develop fluency in the language. While in Germany, he worked with a unique material which was only manufactured there. During his Junior Year at Michigan he negotiated an exclusive distribution agreement and started a company to sell the German-made product in North America. After 10 years of running that business, and more than \$100,000,000 of sales, he sold his majority share of his company in order to join Bradford Company. The family business, founded by Scott's great-great grandfather, is headquartered in Holland. Scott is one of several 5th generation family members at Bradford and he enjoys a leadership role in its Program Management group.

Scott and his wife, Elyse, live in East Grand Rapids with their two young daughters. They enjoy shopping together at Farmer's Markets on weekends and, as a family, cooking ambitious meals from locally grown foods. They also like gardening, (year round) hiking, travel, and music of all sorts.