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## **Trust in Yourself**

**ABSTRACT:** Trust in yourself. People can be paralyzed by the unknown. Fear of failure drives them towards the path of least resistance. These moments of hesitation can significantly limit ones professional accomplishments. Fast analysis and unfaltering confidence in your training and instincts are crucial to being a successful, opportunistic, professional. Alumnus Ryan Reed will share with you how decisive critical thinking at the right moments transformed his career.

**BIOGRAPHY:** Ryan Reed graduated from the University of Washington in Chemical Engineering first in 2004 with his BS and again in 2006 with his MS. Under the guidance of Dr. Eric Stuve, Dr. Stewart Adler, and Dr. John Berg, Ryan developed a passion for material science and manufacturing. During his career he has worked in Operations, R&D and Sales with the majority of his career spent in the protective materials industry. Ryan is now the Founding Director and Chief Operations Officer of Hesco Armor in Aberdeen, WA. Hesco Armor is a global supplier of body armor and other defensive products to military and law enforcement markets.

Of all his accomplishments, Ryan is most proud of his family. He is blessed with the tireless support of his wife Kristen Reed (UW ChemE '06) and the unconditional love of his daughters, Robyn and Parker.