

DWANE HAMILTON

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When Dwane Hamilton (left in above photo) took on an extremely challenging project at work earlier this year, he jokingly told his boss that the company would owe him "one of those little horses" if he succeeded.

Well, the project was a success, and the employer delivered. A few days later, an unsuspecting Hamilton and one of his colleagues were presented with a real miniature horse named Tonka. They were allowed to keep him for the afternoon.

Surprising? Not entirely for this company. Life is different when you work at Google.

A technical recruiter specializing in high-level engineers and leaders, Hamilton joined the company in January 2014. He describes his main responsibility as, "Finding the world's next best leaders," and says he feels extremely humbled to work for Google. "My favorite aspect of my job is having the opportunity to interact with highly innovative and intriguing individuals," he says. "I work with some amazing people who constantly challenge me to be better."

Hamilton also enjoys mentoring new hires and training peers on how to hone their recruiting skills. He credits teaching others with helping him learn how to slow down and understand more clearly how others process information.

Interested in working at Google or a company like it? "My advice is to invest the time into being the best in wherever your passion lies," says Hamilton. "Don't be afraid to ask questions, and never accept that something cannot be accomplished."

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