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A Professional Services Recruiter with staffing services company [Aerotek](#) in Oxnard, Garrett Nicholas has a strong affiliation with the joy of finding one's place.

"I didn't have a defined career path, and I went to four different colleges before landing at CI," he says. "When I graduated, I still didn't know what I wanted to do. I finally found my niche in recruitment, and I love that I now have the chance to help others find jobs that are right for them."

Networking played a big role in Nicholas' life. He met an Aerotek recruiter at a CI job fair a few years ago and followed up until a position opened. The two are now colleagues in the same department. Nicholas, who is the first in his family to obtain a college degree, credits CI with helping him learn the networking skills he needed to attain the job. He uses those same skills to help locate and place job applicants.

Nicholas describes recruitment as a very dynamic field with high highs and low lows.

"The most rewarding part of the job is telling a candidate that all their hard work and preparation was worth it because they got the job!" he says. "The next best part is seeing or hearing their reactions. I've heard screaming over the phone numerous times! It feels really great to play a role in this very positive step in people's lives."

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