

Autry Technology Center Connected Me to My Future

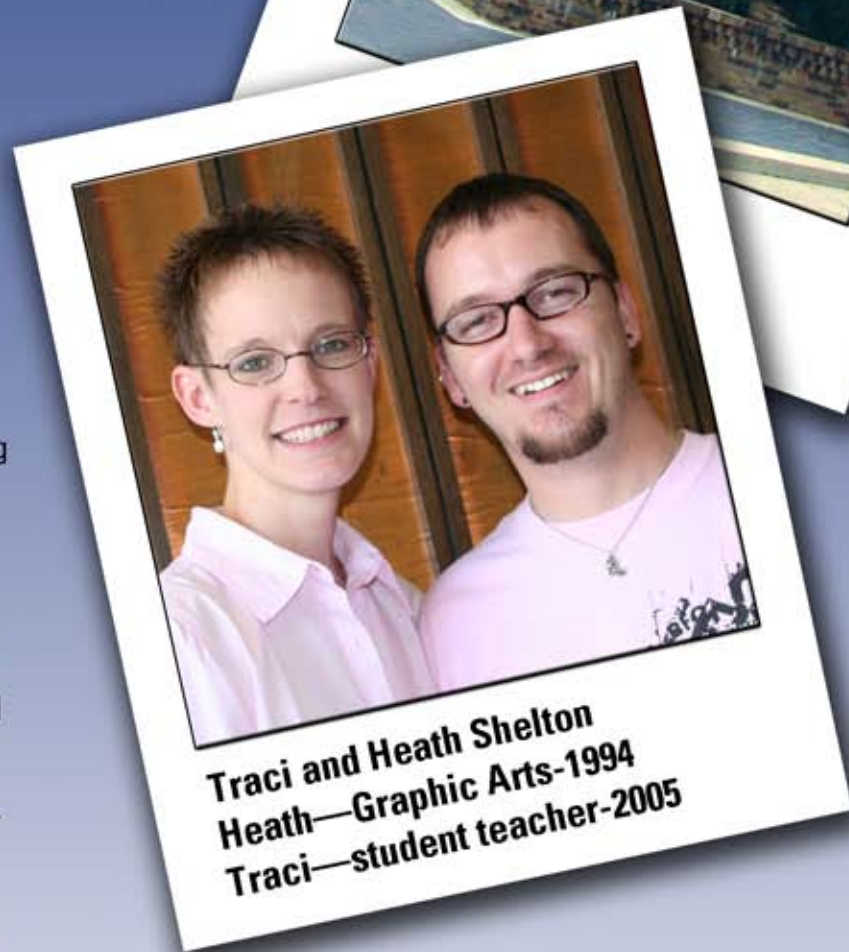
Picture yourself in your future and develop your career at Autry Technology Center

Heath and Traci Shelton have their dream jobs... they own their own business, "Shelton's Photography and Design" where they work together and are able to bring their young children with them to work. Which, they are both quick to explain, has challenges of its own--but neither would have it any other way.

Heath has known forever that he wanted to be a photographer and graphic artist. He attended Autry Technology Center while still in high school and graduated from the Graphic Arts program in 1994. He had been a "professional" for several years at that point, though, because he photographed his first wedding when he was 16 and he has been busy ever since.

He and his wife, Traci, met while they worked in Kerrville, TX at a summer camp for children. They moved to Guthrie after they graduated from college because he worked in Stillwater and she worked in OKC. Even while they were working for a university and an ad agency, respectively, they did freelance work on the side. The skills Heath learned from Cheryl were instrumental in his success. "Mrs. Licklider helped me experience the real work world and gave me the tools to succeed. It's great program."

His department downsized, they started a family, she changed her focus and now they run their business full time in Guthrie. Just before the birth of their second child, Traci completed her student teaching at Autry Technology Center, so now both Sheltons can attribute part of their success to time spent at Autry. They both talk about the help they have received along the way and enthusiastically support CareerTech and make it a priority to give back by helping other budding artists whenever they get the chance.



Traci and Heath Shelton
Heath—Graphic Arts-1994
Traci—student teacher-2005

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