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Teammate has Turned Passion for Fishing Into a Career

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Nathan Quince was lured into becoming an angler years ago and now has a hand in the very products he uses

Nathan Quince was just a kid of 8 years old when he attended the Bassmaster Classic held in downtown Pittsburgh in 2005, but he had life-changing moment.

“I said that one day I’d like to be a professional fisherman,” recalls Nathan. “That’s what any kid says, right? ‘I want to be a professional.’”

Nathan wasn’t just any kid, though. From that moment on, he rode his bike to local creeks and ponds to cast a line. As he got older, he saved up money to buy a boat and more gear. He fished competitively at Slippery Rock University where his team made the national championship tournament all four years and placed as high as fourth to qualify to fish in the Major League Fishing (MLF) All-American Tournament.

Today, he’s still fishing in the MLF circuit and has five Top 10 finishes. Last year, he finished in second place for his region’s Angler of the Year award.

His passion and career have flowed together, as he’s also a Business Development Assistant for DICK’S and Field & Stream based at the CSC, where he has a hand in creating the very same gear that he uses.

“I can’t believe how far I’ve come,” said Nathan. “To be able to come to DICK’S and now do it for my job is something

I never dreamed of. I'm having a blast."

Teammate Nathan Quince works on the same gear he uses to reel in the big ones.

Nathan works with the industrial design and brand design teams to come up with new tackle items, including lures, tackle bags and waders for our private brands such as Jawbone and Field & Stream. Nathan's love of the sport has translated to his success with the company.

"I follow along with it so passionately," said Nathan. "It makes it so much easier when you're doing something that you enjoy. When you get to go in and work with waders and pick out fishing lure colors and make stuff that I would want to go out and fish with, it makes it a lot more enjoyable."

Nathan puts his lifetime of fishing knowledge into providing athletes with great products.

Nathan fishes on the weekends, usually from sunup to sundown, and still does a few tournaments each year. For those, he will take his bass boat out a week in advance to fish the waters and see what baits and spots work best. It also serves as a fact-finding mission that gives him a deeper knowledge of what we can provide anglers in our stores.

"I think it's awesome to be able to go out on the weekend and fish and do what I love, and also see what's currently working in the fishing world," said Nathan.

Nathan got his start in the company working at a Field & Stream store while he was a marketing student at Slippery Rock, where he graduated in 2019. One of his favorite parts of that job was interacting with the athletes and giving tips and pointers on how to fish. Missing that aspect, he started his own **YouTube channel** to help fellow anglers.

For Nathan, there's not a work life and personal life. He's just living the good life.

"I actually say that a lot," said Nathan. "When I was 8, I got so hooked into it, no pun intended, and now I just can't believe it."

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