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Company: The Barnett Group
Position: Partner, director of financial services
Age: 32
Place of Birth: Kitwe, Zambia
Education: 1998, B.A., business administration, Rhodes College; 2002, MBA, University of Memphis
Community Involvement: The Phoenix Club; Leadership Memphis alumni committee; Orpheum Memphis advisory committee, Harbortown 5K co-chair
Business/Professional accomplishments: Member, Financial Planning Association; member, National Association of Insurance & Financial Advisors; member, Society of Financial Service Professionals; qualifying member, Million Dollar Roundtable, 2006, 2007, 2008; certified financial planner professional; 2003 AXA Advisors vice president of the year; AXA Advisors National Leaders Corps; 2006 Leadership Memphis graduate
Professional goals: To continue to build and develop the financial planning practice of The Barnett Group, upholding the highest standards of honesty and integrity

The keys to my success: My wife Nandy, my family, my friends and clients, God, my friend and mentor, Ed Barnett. All of them have been instrumental to my success. Without them I could not possibly be where I am today.

What do you do when you're not working? Spend time with Nandy; golf; find a good two-lane road and drive; read; hang out with family and friends; relax.

Person(s) I most admire: My parents. If there is anyone out there that has proven that the American dream is possible, it is them.

Fantasy Job: That's easy! formula 1 race car driver

Motto: Serious, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Not so serious, "It is what it is..."

Most humbling moment: When my wife's mother passed away, I learned that life is short and what may seem important today can be absolutely meaningless tomorrow. Live every day to the fullest and take nothing for granted. You never know when God will put you in a position to be someone's rock in a time of need or sorrow. When that time comes, embrace it, as you never can know at the moment how much you can mean to someone you love.

Why Memphis? It's big enough to have big city attributes, but small enough to develop strong business relationships and social friendships.

Favorite place to take out-of-town guests: Rendezvous

Favorite movie: "Office Space"

Favorite restaurant: Ruth's Chris

CD in my car stereo right now: iPod

