

# Got Jobs?



## His Life

Steve Jobs, co-founder of Apple Inc., is an important contributor to technology's advancement. Unfortunately, he passed away at the age of 56 on Oct. 5 after battling a rare form of pancreatic cancer for seven years. Steve Jobs was born on February 24, 1955 to Joanne Simpson and Abdulfattah "John" Jandali. Simpson gave Jobs up for adoption because her father did not approve of her marrying a Syrian. Jobs was later adopted by Clara and Paul Jobs. During his childhood, Jobs was intelligent enough to skip ahead to high school in the fourth grade.

However, he was very frustrated with school and greatly disliked studying.

Jobs attended Cupertino Junior High and Homestead High School in Cupertino, California. Upon graduating, he went to Reed College in Portland, Oregon. However, he dropped out after one semester because he felt that he was wasting his parents' money by taking classes that did not help him figure out what path he wanted to take in life.

Although he dropped out of college, Jobs still continued to take classes to meet his graduation requirements, living off free weekly meals at the Hare Krishna temple and recycling Coke bottles while staying at his friend's room.

In 1976, when Jobs was 21, Jobs along with Steve Wozniak and Ronald Wayne founded Apple together. Later, Mike Scott was hired as CEO because the three found they were insufficiently experienced to run this company. In 1978, Michael Scott was hired as CEO as he had more experience. However, after several unstable years, Scott left Apple Inc. and Jobs persuaded John Sculley to replace Scott as Apple's CEO.

While Jobs was a good director for Apple, some of his employees felt he was a temperamental manager. He would often overwork them by holding meetings past midnight and then another one at seven in the morning the next day.

Jobs was fired from Apple Inc. in 1985 which caused him to start a new seven million dollar hardware and software company called NeXT Inc. A year later, billionaire Ross Perot invested heavily into Jobs' company after Jobs ran into a financial crisis.

Jobs married Laurene Powell in 1991 after meeting her at Stanford Business School in the early 1990s. They had three children together, Reed Paul, Erin Sienna and Eve. His fourth daughter was with his previous girlfriend, Chris Ann Brennan, whom they named Lisa. Jobs bought The Graphics Group in 1986, which was renamed Pixar. Pixar made its first huge profit when they contracted with Disney to make numerous animated films that Disney would co-finance and distribute.

Jobs was a very accomplished man and is considered the "Thomas Edison" of our time. He will be forever remembered for his contributions toward technology.

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## Technology: Then and Now

Apparently, "there are three apples that changed the world: the one that Eve ate, the one that fell on Newton's head, and the one that Steve Jobs built."

Throughout the decades, technology has changed in numerous ways. It has made our society simpler and activities more convenient. The latest inventions allow people to obtain information at their fingertips and gain access to social networks from just about anywhere.

On the contrary, some students think that it has a negative impact on our generation.

"I think that technology is taking over our lives. There's more technology than nature, and not all people depend on these man-made things," junior Marine Wei said.

However, there are positive effects as well. There used to be only live shows on television, but now people can watch and re-watch them on demand or via the Internet.

In previous years, people had to use photo albums; today, however, all pictures can be uploaded on a disc. In the old days, email had to be sent to invite a person to an event, but

now, you can invite a whole list of individuals with a click of a button on Facebook. Computers like Microsoft's PCs were popular but they were bulky and expensive. In spite of that, it is possible now to get a lightweight and portable laptop at an affordable price. Also, in the past, when people spoke out loud to no one in particular, they would have assumed that person was crazy. In today's society, a passerby would just assume that the person is wearing a Bluetooth headset. Instead of large phones attached by cords, we have handheld devices with many functions. In the year 2001, walkmans were popular. Currently, Apple's iPod Nano is dominating the stock market.

"Design is not just what it looks like and feels like. Design is how it works," Steve Jobs said.

A big round of applause to this great man for changing the way we live, his legacy continues.

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## His Contributions

Even though the computer was around for decades before Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak laid their hands on it, the Apple II was a vast improvement from the original. The Apple II, marketed in 1977 by the newly-founded Apple Computers, made computers a household appliance; everyone could now afford and have a computer at home and in schools. This changed the way society functioned by providing everyone with an efficient word processor and research tool.

In 1998, the iMac came out as the all-in-one computer. Sleek and stylish, the new computer was the first to replace the floppy disk slot with a CD drive and was Internet-ready right out of the box.

The new millennium saw the iPod take the stage as the best and most successful mp3 player, a mobile device that plays and stores media. Its success was so great that the term "iPod" has become synonymous with the mp3 player. Also introduced at the same time was iTunes, a program to assist those who adore music in organizing and downloading music on their computers and iPods, redefining how people acquired music, especially after the launch of the iTunes Online Music Store in 2003.

Smart phones, a device that combines the functions of a cell phone and a handheld computer, were also changed dramatically after the release of the iPhone in 2007. iPhones added web-surfing to smart phone's chatting and e-mailing, as well as a large array of apps.

In 2010, Jobs came out with the iPad, a tablet computer with more functionality in playing games and watching movies, as opposed to writing term papers. Despite its lacking keyboard and USB port, its success was over the top: 15 million were sold the first year and over 40 million in the next.

One of Jobs' non-technological contributions includes the glass staircase. As one of Apple's stylish designs, the glass staircase's patent was given in 2002 with Jobs' name listed first. It is a mark of incredible engineering and architecture. Many offices and companies desire the glass staircase and pay quite a large sum for such an item in their offices. Another non-technological contribution is Jobs' founding of Pixar which changed the animated movie industry forever. Pixar is behind the hit movies—Toy Story, Finding Nemo and Up.

A genius and hard-working man, Steve Jobs will always be remembered for his many influences on modern society.

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