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Isaac Vincent Farr, son of James W. Farr and Aletha L. McCorquodale (formally Farr), was born on November 9, 1972 in West Covina, California. He was raised in Chino Valley, Arizona, before moving to Lompoc, California, and graduating from Lompoc Senior High School in June of 1990. During his high school years and continuing to the present, his step-father, Thomas A. McCorquodale, has had a profound influence on his life. Isaac has four brothers, Matthew, Sean, Ryley and Tommy, and two sisters, Jamie and Hannah, all of whom bring great joy to his life. In March 1995, he received a B.S. in Science from Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon, where he developed an interest in polymer science under the guidance of Professor Richard W. Thies. While at O.S.U., he had the privilege to work alongside Professor Michael M. Lerner and Dr. Christopher O. Oriakhi on nanocomposite materials.

In the fall of 1995 Isaac began graduate studies in the Department of Chemistry at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University under the supervision of Professor James E. McGrath. In the summer of 1997, he worked with Sanjay G. Charati and Richard W. Ubersax at Membrane Separation Systems, DuPont Air Liquide (Medal), Newport, Delaware. His graduate research efforts at Virginia Tech focused primarily on the design and synthesis of novel polyimide systems for selective gas separations.

He has accepted a materials development engineer position in the Inkjet Supplies Business Unit at the Hewlett Packard Corporation in Corvallis, Oregon.