

Where Are They Now?

What is your name?

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Where do you currently live?

I live in Atlanta, GA.

What year did you graduate from Brookville High School?

I graduated in 2011.



Did you attend and graduate from the Miami Valley Career Technology Center (CTC)?

No.

What is your current Occupation?

I am currently employed as an aircraft structures engineer at Delta TechOps (Delta Air Lines). Our engineering team works with certified maintenance personnel to provide prompt solutions for operating Delta and customer aircraft across the globe. If flying has brought you to or through Hartsfield-Jackson Airport (ATL) and you spotted the large neon "Fly Delta Jets" sign atop aircraft hangars, you have seen our offices!

What was your post high school education or training?

I attended the Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) and graduated with a BS in Aerospace Engineering. Go Jackets! Upon arriving to Delta, I have received specialized training regarding metallic and composite aircraft structural design.

What was your favorite high school course?

Though I may not have admitted it at the time ... now it is without a doubt Calculus with Mrs. Dobberstein. Georgia Tech would have been considerably more difficult without this challenging offering!

What do today's students need to know?

You may not necessarily need to know exactly what you want to do and/or be when you leave BHS, , but I strongly suggest utilizing your time there to narrow your interests. The school has many outlets and resources to help you, the students, explore your passions and develop a plan to pursue them! I certainly wished I had been more open to these prior to my Junior/Senior year.

With that being said ... Do not panic if you are uncertain on what exactly the future has in store. What may be your passion now could easily change as you are introduced to new things. It may be cliché ... BUT... the only thing to fear is fear itself. Be open to new experiences! I have found expanding your comfort zone (whether it be attempting standup comedy, taking a backpacking trip down the John Muir trail or cooking barbeque ribs) helps you to better know yourself and create lasting connections, which otherwise may have never existed. Inspiration is all around us and we never know when and where it will strike.

Setbacks are sure to come, but for some they may occur with greater frequency. Just know that everyone's path is different and try not to compare yourself to the people next to you. We are all unique and what may work for someone else may not be your solution. Stay true to yourself and accept you for you!

I wish you all great success in your future endeavors!

