

# Where Are They Now?

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## What is your name?

Nathan Hart

## Where do you currently live?

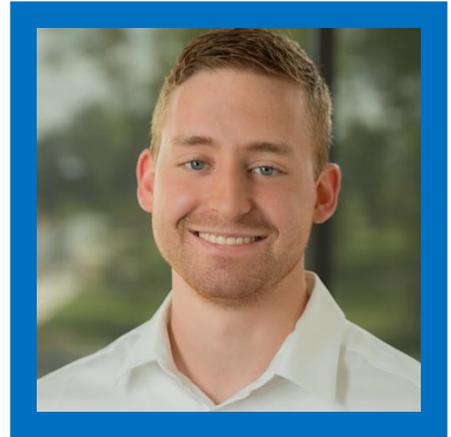
I live in Columbus, OH.

## What year did you graduate from Brookville High School?

I graduated in 2013.

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

No.



## What is your current Occupation?

I am a Data Analyst for Alliance Data. Alliance Data issues in-store credit cards for retail companies like Victoria's Secret, Pottery Barn and Kay Jewelers. My job involves extracting and analyzing data related to customer complaints and then reporting it to Alliance Data's auditors, regulators, clients and executives.

## What was your post high school education or training?

I went to The Ohio State University where I completed my Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Economics. I am currently receiving training at work for a programming language called SAS, which allows me to work with my company's data. I plan to return to school for a graduate degree within the next year.

## What was your favorite high school course?

AP U.S. Government. Somehow, Mr. Brown took a topic that I had no interest in whatsoever and created a class that I enjoyed attending. The structure and expectations of the course did a great job preparing me for the courses I would take at college.

## What do today's students need to know?

Learn how to learn.

There is no guarantee that your future career will involve anything that you are currently studying. You may be happy to know that since leaving high school, I have not once had to explain the water cycle to someone, identify the internal organs of a dissected rat, memorize details about the elements of the periodic table, or decipher Shakespeare (and I hope I never have to again).

That does not mean that I wasted my time learning about those things.

Many of the skills you learn are transferable. Seven year later, I have no idea what the PowerPoint presentations I gave in Mr. Davidson's Biology class were about, but the public speaking experience I gained by giving those presentations – even though I hated doing them – has become an invaluable asset that I still rely on today.

I have forgotten the names of nearly all the rivers and mountain ranges that I learned in Mr. Boyd's Geography class (thankfully, I can just use Google), but the work I put into learning how to focus, practice and identify patterns in unfamiliar information has come in handy whenever I am learning a new skill.

There are many more examples. Studying those complex grammar and syntax rules in French or Spanish could help you understand the logic behind a programming language. That mathematical proof writing you used to demonstrate the congruency of triangles could help you to deconstruct a detailed argument about a completely unrelated topic. All the time I spent writing papers and poetry about who-knows-what for Mrs. Ross and Mr. Hope helped me craft my answer to this question.

Most of the facts you learn, will in all likelihood, be useless to you after you graduate. However, if you work hard, the abilities you develop here will stick with you.

