

# Where Are They Now?

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**What is your name?**

Alek Rollyson

**Where do you currently live?**

I live in Beavercreek, Ohio.

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

I graduated in 2007.



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

No.

**What is your current Occupation?**

I am employed by FireEye, Inc. as a Threat Detection Engineer.

I work on the FireEye Threat Analytics Platform which "is a cloud-based solution that enables security teams to identify and effectively respond to cyber threats by layering enterprise-generated event data with real-time threat intelligence from FireEye." In other words, I help catch bad guys breaking into our customers' networks.

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

The Ohio State University - Management Information Systems

GIAC Certified Incident Handler

GIAC Reverse Engineering Malware

**What was your favorite high school course?**

AP English

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

For those going off to college, take some time to explore and find something you're passionate about; going away to school undecided is a perfectly legitimate tactic. The reality is that most college freshmen have absolutely no idea what they want to do for the rest of their lives and picking a major right off the bat is usually just a gut feeling, not informed by any sort of real information about what that field actually entails. Take some survey classes in majors you think you may be interested in; get involved in extracurricular activities geared toward your interests; talk to people already working their way through the later stages of degrees; and talk to professors. There are a ton of resources available at most universities that you can utilize to help make an educated decision. Don't think you have to be pigeon-holed by a decision on a major you may have made before you even started school.

