

Where Are They Now?

What is your name?

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Where do you currently live?

I live in Lewisburg, Ohio.

What year did you graduate from Brookville High School?

I graduated in 2006.



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

Yes.

What was your program of study at the Miami Valley Career Technology Center?

Diesel Equipment and Technology

What is your current Occupation?

Diesel Technician at Penske Truck Leasing

What was your post high school education or training?

University of Northwestern Ohio (UNOH) for Diesel Technology.

I obtained an associate's degree in Applied Science.

I also obtained a Class A CDL License and EPA 609 Mobile Air Conditioning certification.

What was your favorite high school course?

Shop Class / Agricultural Education

What do today's students need to know?

Figure out what you want your career to be at an early age, and stick with it. Learn and do all you can to better educate yourself in that field; show interest in it even outside of the classroom. Four year colleges aren't for everyone; many of the graduates are having trouble finding work in their field of study. Attend a technical school/college and learn a trade. These jobs are in high demand and can be very lucrative if you are serious about what you do and strive to be the best at it. The learning of a skilled trade and the training which you receive on the job after you graduate from technical school is ongoing and ever changing, which keeps these types of occupations interesting. If you are a hands-on person, I would definitely recommend this route for your future. Likewise, if a four year formal degree is what you are interested in, then go for it! Once you graduate and begin a career, you will spend almost half of your life at your job until the point of retirement, so choose a career that you can see yourself happy with now and in the future.

You will lose touch with many of your friends that you attend high school with after you graduate, so don't live for and do what pleases them; live for and do what pleases you. You will be happier and more successful in the long run.

Once you graduate and begin a career path, set up a budget for yourself and stick to it; including savings! The better you budget your money now will lead you to a more financially sound and comfortable lifestyle in the future.