

# Where Are They Now?

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**What is your name?**

Sean McDaniel



**Where do you currently live?**

I live in Dayton, 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)?**

No.

**What is your current Occupation?**

I am employed as a Laser Physicist with Leidos, Inc. My job is essentially to develop and test solid-state lasers for military applications.

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

I earned a B.S. in Physics from Otterbein University, an M.S. in Electro-Optical Engineering from the University of Dayton and I am currently working on my PhD in Electro-Optical Engineering from the University of Dayton.

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

Of course, physics. I enjoyed it enough to choose it as my major in college.

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

Today's students need to have great critical thinking and decision making skills, as well as the ability to be flexible. Whatever your career, you will undoubtedly get asked to do something that you "don't know how to do" or that is "not your job". If you have the ability to see these situations as possibilities and not roadblocks, many more opportunities will come your way.

