

Where Are They Now?

What is your name?

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Where do you currently live?

I currently live in Brookville, OH.

What year did you graduate from Brookville High School?

I graduated in 2005.



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

No.

What is your current Occupation?

I am a financial analyst for the United States Air Force (Wright-Patterson Air Force Base).

What was your post high school education or training?

Wright State University, MBA (Project Management)

Ohio University, BBA (Finance and Business Economics)

What was your favorite high school course?

My favorite courses in high school were accounting, psychology and current events.

What do today's students need to know?

1. Don't underestimate the importance of attaining good grades. A high GPA demonstrates a strong work ethic and the ability to learn, two traits that are highly valued by prospective colleges and employers.
2. Networking is crucial in today's work environment. LinkedIn is an excellent networking resource. This becomes more important as you get closer to entering the workforce, but it's never too early to start building connections with professionals working in career fields in which you are interested.
3. Focus on developing your communication skills, especially your writing skills. In many careers, email has become the primary form of communication. The most successful people I've worked with have all been able to clearly express themselves via written communication (i.e. proper grammar, spelling, etc.).
4. Most importantly, find a career that you will enjoy. Determine the necessary qualifications you'll need to obtain in order to get a job in a career field that aligns with your interests. Then, develop a plan to obtain those qualifications. You may not know what you want right away, but the earlier you develop a plan, the better off you'll be. If your interests change, or you otherwise determine you no longer wish to pursue a particular career, adjust your plan accordingly. One of the worst things you can do is get trapped in a job/career that you dislike.

