

Where Are They Now?

St Elizabeth Catholic High School Regional Arts Program Instrumental

Visual Arts



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Art discipline? Visual Arts

Year of Graduation? 2009

After High School? I chose to postpone my post-secondary education to focus on working instead.

What is your current job and what does that entail?

I have worked in construction since high school. I currently run my own renovation business which I've been running for 6 years now. I've built up clientele all around the GTA; working from Toronto to Beeton, and Pickering to Hamilton. From managing, to reception, to billing and labor, I have to be both the face of the company and the backbone to make sure jobs are completed properly and on schedule.

Please comment on any skills you feel you have developed in the RAP. I believe a skill that I gained from my years in the RAP program which translate immensely to my current profession would be my social skills. I gained confidence in speaking and engaging in conversations with others because of how close knit my fellow students and teachers allowed me to feel with one another. I grew for four years with certain friends that I am proud to say I'm still extremely close friends with to this day almost 14 years since grade 9. If it wasn't for the family setting and the lessons I gained from some of my favourite teachers, I wouldn't be the type of entrepreneur I am today.

What is your most fond memory of RAP? My fondest memory of the RAP program would be the field trips. I feel the best parts of RAP and high school in general are the opportunities to become closer and experience new things with your friends. No one remembers the assignments or the grades, but the memories you create with your friends last forever.

What piece of advice would you have for current students? My piece of advice would be: don't be so focused on your life plan. Anything can change in a moment's notice. You may meet someone, or experience something that drastically changes your mindset and severely alters your life path. Let life happen to you, and read all the little signs. Follow your heart. It sounds stupid and cheesy, but it works. Trust me.

Why did you choose to attend St. Elizabeth? I specifically recall sitting next to a friend of mine in elementary school, drawing pictures in our notebooks. He brought up the idea of this school with an Art program, so we auditioned together. From what I recall from my audition, everyone was amazed at how long I spent in the audition room with the teachers. Most students got 10 minutes, more or less and I was supposedly in there for almost 30 minutes. It was my first encounter with Mr. David Paolini; a teacher whose lessons and encounters I still hold close to my upbringing.

What else have you been up to? I've travelled a fair amount. I have backpacked through Europe and visited places like Barcelona, Rome, Amsterdam, and Dublin. I've taken the via rail across the western half of Canada for Canada's 150th birthday. I've also travelled to Cusco Peru where I hiked up the Rainbow mountain. It was an astonishing 17,000ft above sea level. I continued the following day on a five day trek (50 km) through glacier covered mountains and through thick bushy jungle to reach the ancient ruins of Mount Picchu. I'm planning to continue my travels and see more of the ancient and modern wonders of the world.