



#DISCOVERLOCALJOBS

ALUMNI OF LOCAL SCHOOLS SHARE ADVICE ABOUT EXPLORING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR REGION



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#SPEAKWORLDLANGUAGES

MULTILINGUAL ALUMNI OF LOCAL SCHOOLS SHARE HOW THEY USE LANGUAGES SKILLS IN THEIR WORK



YAMARA

"I use my Spanish and English speaking abilities to code switch so that I can explain and interpret information for students and teachers. This is especially helpful when I interact with students who do not speak any English."

ANAM

"My job is to develop ways to help the low-income community and I use my language to help Somali people understand what is happening and ways they can find help."



YOUCEF

"I speak three languages (Arabic, French, and Berber). I do not tend to use them. I usually use programming languages such as Ruby, Python, Java. But being multilingual in the workspace provides me with the tools and lens to come up with innovative solutions to problems."





#CLASSROOMTOCAREER

ALUMNI OF LOCAL SCHOOLS SHARE HOW THE SKILLS THEY LEARNED IN SCHOOL CONNECT TO THEIR CAREERS



MARIE

"Every day, I use the critical thinking skills I learned to evaluate a problem and understand the why behind the issue. My lessons in writing help me to communicate the solutions to these problems."



NICOLLETTE

"Teachers taught me boundaries, professional and personal, way before I had the language to name those things, and also modeled for me how to hold trusting relationships with students that are supportive."



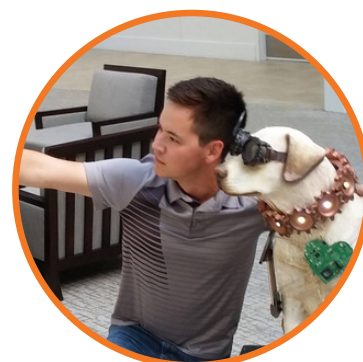
YOUCEF

"As an engineer, the skill I learned in school that connects up to my job is being able to step out of my comfort zone."



SAVANNAH

"My school had a daycare that I was a student teacher in. I also got to volunteer in the local elementary schools. This helped me because now that I am going to school to be a teacher,"



MICHAEL

"My time in high school taught me how to collaborate with others on long term projects, and gave me the skills to effectively work as a team."



#COLLEGEGEARDAY

ALUMNI OF LOCAL SCHOOLS SHARE THEIR COLLEGE PATHWAYS



YAMARA

Western Washington University,
Human Development

"A specific college experience I enjoyed was my study abroad teaching in Mexico where I taught English to adults and university students."



MARIE

Scripps College,
English & Philosophy

"My favorite part of college was the community that I built around me who continue to be there to lift each other up as we change careers or try new passions."



YOUCEF

University of Washington
Computer Science

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NICOLLETTE

Highline College
General Studies

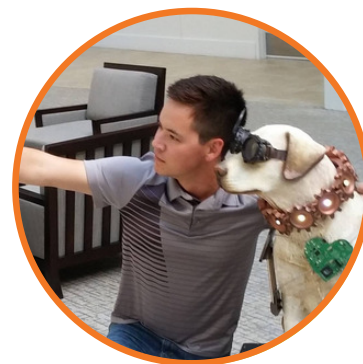
"My favorite part was the community college experience because it was a smaller campus that I built community in."



ANAM

University of Washington,
Public Health

"My favorite part of college was meeting new people and doing outreach in the low-income communities."



MICHAEL

University of Washington,
Mechanical Engineering

"The exposure to new ideas and people was my favorite part of the experience."

#LEADYOURCOMMUNITY

ALUMNI OF LOCAL SCHOOLS SHARE HOW THEIR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES IN HIGH SCHOOL IMPACTED THEIR CAREER PATHS



MARIE

"In high school, I was a student leader in Key Club. I spent many early mornings volunteering in my community because of it. I think that's what led me to do a year of service with AmeriCorps and now I strive to find roles that allow me to serve my students and my community, such as joining the alumni board for Summer Search Seattle."

YOUCEF

"In high school, I was involved in different organizations. The involvement in high school showed me the importance of reaching out to individuals that you look up to and asking for help or mentorship. This can eventually lead to learning about different opportunities and careers."



YAMARA

"I was involved in tutoring and childcare based extracurricular activities. This relates to my career pathway because I can use skills I learned in my interactions. For example, when it comes to teaching a child how to read or when implementing a behavioral management strategy."





THESE ALUMNI OF LOCAL
SCHOOLS SHARE THEIR BEST
ADVICE FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE
EXPLORING COLLEGE AND
CAREER OPTIONS.

FREDA

EVERGREEN HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2011
CURRENT JOB:
PARAEDUCATOR AT
PACIFIC MIDDLE SCHOOL

"Try things out. No one's path to success is a straight one-way street. It is okay to not be sure about what career field you want to enter. Go with your gut and take every opportunity that comes your way."

VICKI

KENTRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1986
CURRENT JOB:
COMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTOR

"Do job shadows for careers you think you might want. Talk to people actually doing the work. Spend a day with them. Do internships, volunteer, think big!"

REBECCA

AUBURN HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2003
CURRENT JOB:
KINDERGARTEN TEACHER
AT ALPAC ELEMENTARY

"Ask lots of questions and explore your options."

MARIE

FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2010
CURRENT JOB:
ADMISSIONS AND
INCLUSION COUNSELOR
AT UNIVERSITY OF
WASHINGTON

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FEDERAL WAY HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2014
CURRENT JOB:
SOFTWARE ENGINEER

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SAVANNAH

KENTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2018
CURRENT JOB:
COLLEGE STUDENT

"Start looking into or visiting places related to a potential career interest while in school. When you are all done with high school, you will have an idea of your interests."

JASMINE

EVERGREEN HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2012
CURRENT JOB: LEGAL
WRITING ASSISTANT AT A
LAW FIRM

"Have back-up options and always take the opportunity to learn something new."

YAMARA

CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2013
CURRENT JOB: STUDENT
TEACHER IN A FIRST
GRADE CLASSROOM

"Make sure you have a clear understanding of ALL possible majors at your school of choice. Choose something versatile and if you don't, try to minor or double major in something that can help you find a career upon graduating."



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NICOLLETTE

AUBURN HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2010
CURRENT JOB:
EDUCATION ADVOCATE AT
SEATTLE EDUCATION
ACCESS

"Don't feel pressured to go straight into a four-year college or university. There's a lot more pros to community colleges and technical schools that I don't think people talk about enough. Also don't think college is limited to associate and bachelors degrees. Consider professional technical options and apprenticeships if you're interested."