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I'd be happy to update the alumni community on my goings-on. After graduating North Hills High School, I went to Pitt, first for my undergraduate degrees in economics and political science, and then for a Master's in Public and International Affairs and an MBA.

I worked for a few years in Pittsburgh as an economic analyst, a financial analyst, and a small business consultant, and then in 2009 I took a job as an assistant director of undergraduate admissions at Slippery Rock University, where I currently work. I'm responsible for our department's technology and evaluation initiatives (as well as for the recruitment of students), and I'm beginning to take on more responsibility in information systems reporting and analysis.

In the next year or so, I will probably look to going back to school to earn a doctorate, either in economics or in higher education administration.

As for my time at Alpha, it is truly one of my most treasured experiences, not only for the people I met and learned from, but because the rigor of the classwork prepared me very well from high school. I was able to jump into 9th grade at NHHS (with 400 in my grade) and take all honors courses without too much stress at all. I continued taking the most challenging courses available at NHHS until I graduated, and I frequently felt as if I had already been introduced to something at Alpha that I was not being taught in high school. I graduated from there 9th in my class without putting in that much effort, and I attribute a lot of that to my preparation at Alpha.

All the best,
Kevin

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