Where Are They Now?

What is your name? Nikki Aills

Where do you currently live?

I live in Greenville, SC.

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)? Yes

What was your program of study at MVCTC? Culinary Arts

What is your current Occupation?

Executive Chef at Michelin North American Headquarters

What was your post high school education or training?

Johnson & Wales University, Charlotte
Associates in Culinary Arts / Bachelor in Food Service Management

What was your favorite high school course?

Gym. I loved running during the day. I am on my feet all day at work and I can't imagine not being able to be active during the day.

What do today's students need to know?

Today's students need to know that you are still young and you don't need to have it all figured out right now. Take time to decide what it is that you want to do with your life. Going to college is a big commitment! Take time to really figure out what it is you want to do. If you think you have an idea on what the career is, get a job in the field or intern in the field. I have met a lot of people who thought that the food service industry was right for them and spent a lot of money to go to school only to find out it wasn't for them.

Also, if you know what you want to do for a career, go out and do it!! I was one of the lucky people who knew what I wanted to do young and now I have a lot of experience and great connections with people from Ohio to Florida. Enjoy high school, get involved with sports and extracurricular activities!!



