## ICA ALUMNI SUCCESS STORIES

Highlighting the stories of ICA's incredible alumni

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Name a memorable experience during your time at ICA: This one is tough as there were many memorable events and trips, but I distinctly remember the Mainstrasse cleanups. The boys looked forward to Mr. Reist hooking up the firehose and helping hold and control the hose.

**How did ICA help shape your career or life after graduation?** ICA really helped me build close relationships with friends that I kept throughout college and still have to this day. I think it is important to have good close friends that share the same values.

What advice would you give to current ICA students or ICA alumni who are preparing for high school or college graduation? Go to and attend as many events as you can. It isn't always about what you know, but who you know. Connecting with people is huge and goes a long way in finding a job outside of high school and college.

What's something you're particularly proud of achieving since graduation? I am proud to be fortunate enough to have a managerial position at my regular job and to be President of the Hamilton County Special Deputy Unit as a part time deputy sheriff.

How have you given back or stayed connected with your alma mater? I do not give back to my college because like most universities it has gone woke, but I try to do what I can for the church and school when asked. It would be a shame to not keep the school going especially since my grandmother helped to get it started.

If you could go back and give your high school self one piece of advice, what would it be? Give more effort on school work!

What are some of your passions or interests outside of work? I love playing ice hockey and shooting/tinkering with guns.

What is a favorite quote you'd like to share with our alumni and current students? "Behind this mask there is more than just flesh. Beneath this mask there is an idea... and ideas are bulletproof."