

DCS Alumni Spotlight: Nick Potts

Summary

In this conversation, Kevin and Nicholas Potts discuss Nicholas's journey from high school to his current role at Booz Allen Hamilton. They explore the importance of following one's interests, the impact of early technology exposure, and the significance of choosing the right college. Nicholas shares insights on his experiences in college, the value of soft skills in consulting, and alternative career paths in technology. He emphasizes the importance of passion, personal fulfillment, and cherishing family time as key elements in shaping a successful career.

Takeaways

- Nicholas works at Booz Allen Hamilton, a consulting firm for federal agencies.
- He helps organizations implement AI and automate processes.
- Early exposure to technology sparked Nicholas's interest in the field.
- He chose Kent State University over OSU, prioritizing personal fit.
- College experience is about what you make of it, not just the name of the school.
- Soft skills are crucial in consulting and technology roles.
- Alternative education paths, like coding boot camps, are viable options.
- YouTube is a valuable resource for learning technology skills.
- It's important to follow your passion and not just societal expectations.
- Cherishing time with family is essential during formative years.

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