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Class of: 2020

Career Pathway: Technology, Data Storytelling, Strategy, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship

Why did I choose this pathway:

I've always been driven by the desire to make an impact at scale. From an early stage, I've aspired to become a CEO and to create solutions (specifically software) that make a real difference. Building my own mobile app to help others learn maths was a reflection of that passion: using technology and data to solve meaningful problems.

Now, as Director of Strategic Insights and Innovation, I'm expanding that same drive within a business context—learning directly from the CEO and developing both my leadership and technical skills. This role gives me the opportunity to blend data, strategy, and innovation to help the company grow while continuing to learn and grow myself.

Current Role/Employment:

Director of Strategic Insights & Innovation at AEBetancourt;
Founder & CEO of Pi Squared

Have you any advice for our current students?

Follow your curiosity relentlessly; it's the best compass you'll ever have. Find mentors who challenge you, not just those who agree with you, and remember that discomfort usually means you're growing.

Focus on the intersection of what you're good at and what you love. That's where you'll find the most fulfillment and momentum. Keep improving a little every day, and surround yourself with people and environments that help you grow.

There's never been a better time to take a chance. With AI making it easier than ever to build and experiment, the hardest part is simply taking that first step. Starting something of your own teaches you more than you can imagine, and as a student, there's no better time to try—there's everything to gain and nothing to lose.

Good luck!

Best Memory of ACS:

My favorite memory at ACS has to be of Mrs. Tina Lordan. She was one of those teachers who made every class feel alive—bubbly, inspiring, and full of energy. She had a way of making learning fun and meaningful, and she genuinely cared about her students and the Irish language. Mrs. Lordan was a wonderful person who left a lasting impact on everyone around her. We all miss her dearly, and may she rest in peace.