

The Roadtrip Nation Interview Archive:

A Place for Self-Discovery

The Roadtrip Nation Interview Archive is a low-touch digital career exploration tool that enables students to discover pathways specifically aligned with their Interests and ambitions. Over 350 full-length interviews chronicle the diverse personal stories of Leaders who have turned their Interests into their life's work—including entrepreneurs, graphic artists, scientists, sports writers, non-profit directors, and hundreds of others who have carved out careers around what they love.

Interviews are conducted by young people who have candid conversations with Leaders about their successes, failures, and how they were able to navigate life's many challenges to accomplish things that matter to them. Students explore

the vast archive based on their Interests (Medicine, Business, Art, etc.), and Themes (Risk, Determination, Acceptance, etc.), culling stories and pathways relevant to their own lives.

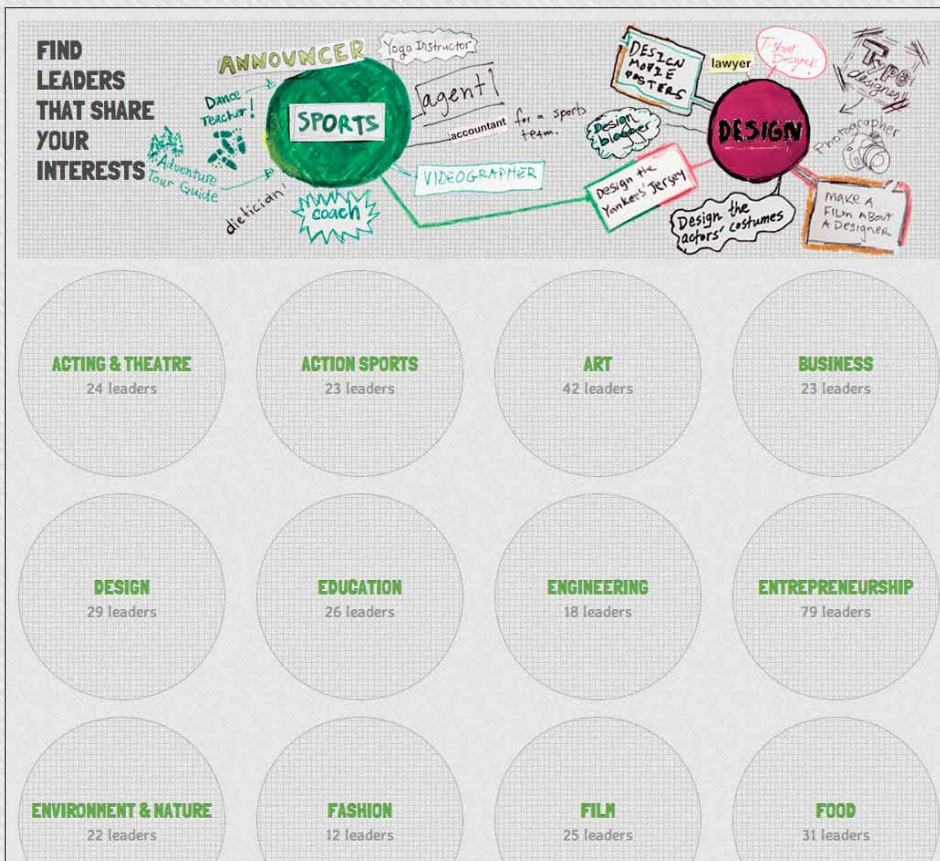
By hearing how successful people made decisions, students using the Archive learn what it takes to build a meaningful life, and can apply those insights to their own choices as they start college and career planning. Ultimately, this organized exposure to relevant pathways fosters greater engagement as students recognize the link between their studies, Interests, and the real-world opportunities that await after graduation.

The Archive Helps Students to:

- Become more self-aware by cluing into their Interests, values, and life goals
- Gain exposure to career pathways they may not have known existed
- Actively think about colleges, majors, and career goals that reflect their unique talents and ambitions
- Connect with mentors who have similar Interests and relatable experiences
- Take ownership of their own learning experiences through self-directed exploration
- Develop greater hope by discovering exciting possibilities for their futures



How to Explore the Archive



By Interest:

Students choose from 29 Interest categories to explore Leaders in fields that align with their Interests. Each Interest category features a wide range of pathways that employ divergent skills; therefore, if a student is interested in Sports but can't slam-dunk, he or she can still find a pathway in Sports that corresponds with his or her talents, such as: sports writing (sports + writing), marketing for a sporting company (sports + business), designing athletic apparel (sports + fashion), etc.

WATCH VIDEOS OF LEADERS TALKING ABOUT THEMES THAT MATTER TO YOU



"Find your anchor. You can't do anything without it."
— Judith Jamison on Strength

"It's not just getting the answer, it's realizing there's more to ask."
— Mike Biggerstaff on Knowledge



By Theme:

Students can choose from 48 Themes, in which Leaders specifically address their own trials and learnings related to that particular Theme. As students explore others who have soldiered through similar obstacles, they gain reassurance in the knowledge that they are not alone, and obtain valuable insight on how to overcome adversity.



Leader Features

NAT PAYNTER
Director of Water Programs
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"From an early age, we're told 'You're either humanities or you're hard sciences.' And that's not true. You can do both."

LEADER INFO:

INTERESTS:
Engineering Non-Profit Organizations Science

THEMES DISCUSSED:
Family Societal Pressures Transitions Pressure
Dedication Courage Confidence Honesty

TAGS:
books, bravery, change, death, engineering, epiphany, going back to school, grad school, growing, humanities, loss, math, publishing, reading, realization, starting over, time, water, World Bank, world problems

BIOGRAPHY:
Conventional wisdom would have us believe that math majors can't write poetry and English majors can barely calculate a tip. But Nat Paynter...

FEATURED VIDEOS:

Interview 1 Nat Paynter Highlight (0:36)

Each Leader page consists of:

- 1 A 5-10 minute Interview covering the Leader's struggles, triumphs, and lessons learned as they pursued a meaningful pathway.
- 2 A stand-out quote from the Interview.
- 3 Interests and Themes to help students find similar Leaders.
- 4 A biography highlighting personal anecdotes along their journey.

About Roadtrip Nation

Roadtrip Nation started in 2001 when a group of friends took a Roadtrip to figure out their lives. Since then, it has evolved into a public television series, an educational organization, and a Movement of people who are defining their own Roads by resisting the Noise of conformity and doing what they love.

To adopt the Interview Archive, or to learn more about our multiple educational resources, please contact:

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