

Fernando Interview Take 1

The subject of this article is to establish if going to school and or a university is the key to be successful or not anymore? The first person I'm going to interview is named Fernando or "Fer" for short. I would like to start off by saying this is HIS opinion and not everyone will agree with his lifestyle and or beliefs. I begin the interview process establishing the main topic of the following statement, "Do you believe you need to go to college to be successful?" Fernando answers right away clearly then says no. I already knew by then he didn't go to school after graduating high school but I still asked him "How come you feel that way, can you explain why that is?" He proceeds to explain how he grew up struggling with test taking and in general with school and he states how he has always never really enjoyed school and felt it pushed him back to his potential. Fernando continues to express how he was always a good worker and the type of the person that works by hand and not by the books or papers.

I continue with the interview by asking Fernando, what does he do for a living and would he do things differently? He answers, "I currently work for my fathers roofing company, I started working really young. I believe I was a sophomore in high school when I started working for him, I loved the money and ever since then have stuck around. If I want to do things differently? Probably not, it happened for a reason and it is something I'm good at and there's always room for growth and opportunity in the field I'm in and I didn't need to go to school for it. Actually right now I'm studying for my roofing license so that way I can do commercial roofing.

When he told me about how he doesn't regret doing things differently this made me happy for him because he has a plan regardless if he doesn't go to school or not and he is motivated to continue growing in that field. One final question I had for him was did he feel pressured to go to school and get a degree by his family or felt ashamed in a way since he chose the labor path? Fernando's demeanor changed when I asked him question he did look sad opened up by saying he does wish his parents were more supportive by his choices, he continued to say that his parents came to this country for better opportunities and especially for their kids, he admits he is a first generation of an immigrant family and that his family and many others in the latino culture have this idea of the "American Dream" they shouldn't expect the kids to have. He feels proud of himself and would not change a thing for the choices he has made that brought him there. I told him that I was proud of him to by living his own dream and thanked him for a touching interview.