

Opportunity of a Lifetime

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So I applied to be on a reality show...Real World season 11. Just kidding! That show is like the AIDS epidemic...killing everyone. But that's another story. I'm actually applying to be on a PBS documentary series called Roadtrip Nation.

Long story short, it's a documentary that follows a group of young people driving a big green RV around the country interviewing 'successful' (subjective to interpretation) people in various professions. The aim of the show is to find out how these people got to where they are and to inspire others to follow their own dreams.

It sounded right up my alley.

Anyhow, I reached the last round of the application, which required me to conduct my own interview with someone I found interesting and film it.

I wanted to interview Dr. Nido Quebin, Mount Olive College alumnus and President of High Point University. I knew it was going to be a bit of a long shot.

I got lucky, and landed a free 15 minute timeslot on a Wednesday from a man who charges thousands of dollars to impart his knowledge. So, my girlfriend and I drove three hours both ways for 15 minutes. Dr. Quebin ended up giving me 30 minutes, and a number of gifts when he found out we had went up there just for him...a great man. He told me that your values determine your success. If you value hard-work, you're gonna work hard. Simple as that!

I don't know if I'll be on the show yet. But, all in all I think it worked out well, all thanks to Jamie Massengill, who helped me get the connection and personally helped us get up there. That's the kind of person he is, and that's the kind of people that make Mount Olive College a great school.

Have a great week.