



ALUMNUS OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER 2024



Akinkunmi Akinyanju



Global business development at a Canadian IT company called Auvik

Year left STM 2014/2015

I went to the University of Portsmouth and studied Biochemistry in my undergraduate and Molecular Biophysics in my Masters degree.

Following this, I went to study for a PhD at the University of Nottingham in Life sciences focusing on a specific region of DNA in Fusarium oxysporum which caused disease and blight in over 150 different crops.

Quote I live by: "Tomorrow isn't promised, start today!"

I shifted from science to sales during the Covid-19 pandemic as it had major negative impacts on my study. Not being able to work in the lab and work with my supervisors lead me to step down from the study.

While searching for a new career, I realised my personality works well at building bridges and rapport with people, so I did a sponsored Tech sales course at my previous company before moving to Auvik.

The quote I live by helped me to learn, make, and seize opportunities I wouldn't have regularly taken in my scientific endeavours as they are more organised and calculated.

You never know what life will throw at you so don't let your blessings slip away because of procrastination or fear of failing.

Take the opportunity and run with it!

P.S. Shout out to Ms Driscoll, Ms Nugent, Mrs Lindsay, Mr Heaphy, Mr Lettieri, Mr Hollingsworth, Mr & Mrs Hardiman for all the lessons and time spent on extracurricular activities.

May Mr Love rest in perfect peace. Amen

PROFILE:

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A LEVELS studied: Chemistry, Biology and Geography