

Paul Yoder graduated from Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School in 1992.

After graduating high school, Paul immediately knew he wanted to be a pilot. To follow his career choice, he attended both Geneva College and the Community College of Beaver County. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and an Associate's Degree in Professional Piloting.

With his Associate's Degree, he began working as a flight instructor. As a flight instructor, he taught new pilots how to fly planes. Paul then got a job as a charter pilot, where he would fly private planes on specific routes.

Mr. Yoder was then hired by a commuter airline. Once hired by this company, he began building his hours in order to fly larger planes with more passengers.

Currently, he is a pilot for American Airlines. Paul has been with this company for six and a half years. He flies internationally, mostly to European destinations. He has only recently reached the international level and has enjoyed this type of traveling, so far.

When asked about his job choice, he responded, "It's a beautiful world we live in, and I get the best view of it from my office window."

Looking back at his high school years, he recalls Miss Risch, a science teacher, was his favorite. He said, "I enjoyed her science classes but enjoyed spending time in her room during study halls and sometimes having lunch with my friends even more."

Paul has many good memories from high school, but his athletic experiences stick with him as the best. He was a member of the basketball and football teams with many of his friends.

Paul married Lisa Grunden in 1997 and has two children. His son, Caleb, is sixteen and his daughter, Brooke, is thirteen. Paul and his family currently live in Eters, Pennsylvania, which is just outside of Harrisburg, PA.

When asked what his greatest life accomplishment has been so far, he responded, "I cannot say I have had any great life accomplishments. I have been blessed with a loving, supporting family and many good friends who were by my side supporting and helping me through my struggles in life."

