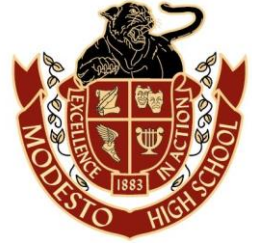


# “Destinations” Interview Questions



**Name:** Alexander Hunn

**Destination:** University of Tulsa

**Career goal:** Mathematician/Some career involving mathematics.

**What is your favorite subject/class & why?** My favorite subject is mathematics. I've always had an affinity for the subject. It's always been something that I truly enjoy doing. Part of it is that I can solve problems through a variety of different methods yet still arrive at the same result. What makes math fun is figuring out the many ways I can solve a problem. It's elegant, it's exact, and it's what the universe runs on.

**Who is your favorite teacher & why?** My favorite teacher is Mr. Peterson, my history teacher from my junior year. Though I received the most work from his class by far, he was so incredibly passionate about everything that he taught us. His lectures were spellbinding, as he was able to make the history as interesting to us as it was to him.

**What is your favorite high school memory?** Without a doubt, my favorite memory was when my friends threw me a surprise birthday party this year. It made me so happy to be with all of the friends that I've made throughout high school. They are so very important to me.

**Who/what is your biggest influence & why?** As silly as it may sound, I think that my biggest influence was Sonic the Hedgehog. When I was young, I idolized that blue, speedy, anthropomorphic hedgehog like others would superheroes, and loved playing his games. He was carefree, he could run really fast, and he always had a smile on his face. The character fostered my love of video games, and to this day I am a fan of the series.

**What is the most important lesson you learned?** The greatest lesson I learned was to not procrastinate on my work. Waiting until the last minute degrades the quality of my work and prevents me from doing other activities that I enjoy. This is a problem that I still struggle with, but I feel confident that I will be able to stay on top of my studies in college.

**What advice do you have for incoming freshmen?** Do not procrastinate! I cannot stress this advice enough. While I did many things throughout high school, there was so much more that I could have achieved had I not wasted time avoiding work. At the very least, I could have saved myself time and stress, as well as gotten more sleep.

**Why did you select your destination?** I applied to a very small amount of colleges. Alongside the University of Tulsa, I applied to five other colleges, all with acceptance rates under 10%. TU was the only school that accepted me — I was either waitlisted or rejected at the others. What was great, though, was that I received the Presidential Scholarship at TU,

guaranteeing me full ride tuition, room and board for four years. Even if I had been accepted to the other schools, I likely would have chosen TU regardless because of the scholarship. I know this may sound negative, but I'm happy about how things worked out. TU is a wonderful school with students that are able to balance music with their academic studies.

**How did Modesto City Schools prepare you for your future?** The teachers I've had since elementary school have taught me how to work hard and have fostered my love of learning. I've been fortunate to have so many amazing teachers, starting with my years at Fremont and Sonoma Elementary, through La Loma Junior High and Modesto High. The things that I learned from these amazing individuals went beyond academics and I am extremely grateful for their interest and continued impact on my life.

**In what extracurricular activities did you participate (clubs/music/chorus/athletics)?** My biggest extracurricular is music. I have played the cello for 13 years, since age 4. Music is a massive part of my life, and I have played in many ensembles and youth groups. In May, I performed as a soloist with the Oakland Symphony Youth Orchestra, the culmination of my cello studies. I'm president of my school's gaming society, participate in Project Hope, edit my school's online newspaper, and have led our Math Superbowl team since 9<sup>th</sup> grade. I also have participated in swimming since eighth grade, and I continued to swim long distance with Modesto High Aquatics.

**What is your favorite quote or saying?** "People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do." -- *Isaac Asimov*