

Re: Career advice needed.

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| Greetings,
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| I obtained a BS in History four years ago and have been working as a
| software developer. I have always felt under-challenged by my current
| work, however, and for a long time have been feeling the urge to do
| something more important for humanity. Recently I have been
| contemplating the possibility of getting back to school as a Physics
| undergrad, with the goal of eventually engaging in nuclear energy
| research. I just turned 27.
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| I have the following questions for the good people of this board:
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| 1. Am I nuts? Have you ever heard of such a thing?

You are not nuts. If you are not happy with what you are doing, then do something about it while you can. I am pushing 60 and I am teaching myself particle physics by self-study because now I make too much money to quit and go back to school. My big wish is to hit the lotto so I could go back to school full time. ;-)

| 2. I need to brush up on my rust-encrusted math skills. What areas of
| math should I work on BEFORE re-entering university, and up to what
| level? What other academic areas should I prepare myself on?

We don't know your current level of math. But for physics; calculus, linear algebra, etc.

| 3. How hard would it be for me to re-enter as a Physics undergrad,
| compared to someone fresh from highschool?

Don't sweat it. Just go for it.

| 4. Which undergraduate schools do you recommend, and which graduate
| schools? I prefer good quality public universities. My previous

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| stint was at UCLA.

Go back to UCLA if you can for undergrad. I think once you are in the UC system, you will have a wide variety of graduate paths to choose from. But go to their website and check on it.

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