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An Interview with John Hoesley

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: John Hoesley was born in Chicago, Illinois in April, 1971. Being raised in Chicago, John began his 9th grade year by attending Lincoln Park High School. He then became a member of the first class to attend the newly created Illinois Math Science Academy (IMSA) in Aurora, Illinois. IMSA was phased in, adding one grade each year. John graduated from IMSA in 1989. He then attended the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, graduating in 1993 with a major in chemistry. John's work experience includes Credit Suisse from 1995-96 and 1998-2000, Evincis Corporation in 2000-2001, Prism Capital from 2001 to 2011, Silicon Valley Bank from 2011 to 2014, and Private Bank at the time of the interview. John also formed his own technology company, which he later sold. At the time of the interview, John served on the Illinois Math Science Academy Fund Board which supports the Academy in many ways, including financial support, lab support, on line work, recruitment of students, and graduation assistance.

This interview details the first years of the Illinois Math Science Academy, a residential facility in the Fox River Valley for students grades 10-12. John, as a member of the first IMSA class, discussed the phased-in start of the school (one grade added each year for three years), the curricular offerings, the selection process for students, the quality of the staff, the transition from sleeping in the school to the creation of the residential halls, student activities, student rules, and the changes that took place during the first three years. John also reviews how IMSA prepared him for the University of Illinois and in his later work experiences. At the end of the interview, John talks about his role with the IMSA Fund, which exists to support the Academy.

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