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Follow-up interview with founder Rick Cecil

I don't remember loving school. I'd definitely say that I took school too seriously the first time around. But there was this gifted program in fourth and fifth grades that I loved. In one class, we actually created this whole alternate society. We split the class in two. One half would come create the society and the other half would have to piece it together. We came up with this Conehead society – even made little figurines – and we buried it out in the yard for the other half of the class. Looking back, that's exactly the kind of stuff all kids should be doing, not just a select group.

I chose the word “reschool” to expand the definition “school”— I wanted something that reflected the idea of lifelong education. So reschooling is really just figuring out a place in your life, where you want to make a change. It could be when you're 70 years old, you want to learn how to make films, or when you're 80 you want to learn the violin. You can find a way to do that no matter how old you are, no matter what your background is, no matter what your circumstances are.

I think the most important lesson I learned from my Mom is love, just to be an unconditionally loving person. She just supported me in whatever I wanted to do and she sees the best in people.

From my Dad, I learned that you got to be careful when you're dreaming your dream. You've got to check in on that dream along the way to make sure it's still what you want. And you have to be willing to change direction if it's not.