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## Trader's Career Options Expire Worthless

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**T**hey say when one door closes, another opens. What they neglect to mention is that some doors lead to real opportunity, while others lead to ill-conceived investment strategies that owe their origin to twitter memes. Sam Mazuski, an amateur investor from Bend, Oregon, learned this the hard way.

A 2019 graduate of the University of Oregon, Mazuski's early career was stunted by the 2020 Pandemic. Given the once-in-a-century opportunity to reflect on his own goals and values before vaulting into the real-world, Mazuski decided his best move was to start purchasing short-term option contracts. After 45 minutes of podcasts and 3 Barron's articles, he was ready. Armed with a freshly downloaded Robinhood app and a stimulus check, Mazuski got down to business.

Mazuski now claims his success in trading has pulled him completely away from his original career plan of putting his Marketing degree to use. In June of 2020, he missed a 6:00 PM job interview with Nike to "keep his eye on the Roku price." In July, he learned that markets close at 12:00PM Pacific Standard Time.

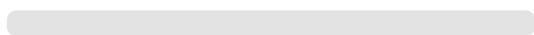
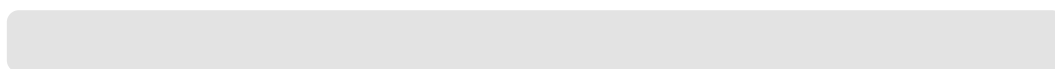
“Can’t learn if you never make mistakes.” Mazuski said.

Now with almost no remaining prospects in Marketing, Mazuski feels vindicated. He lauds the virtue of self-determination and expresses joy that it has guided his life since graduation. “I couldn’t just become a cog in the machine like that. I can’t work 40-hour weeks just to build someone else’s dream. I do it for myself and my family.”

To date, Mazuski has turned his \$1,200 stimulus check into a respectable \$1,301.

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