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Platform Project Coordinator

As the Platform Project Coordinator, oversees all aspects of the Institute's Platform - from design to prototyping with users, then integration with developers. Each week John joins with facilitators working with our youth who are prototyping the Institute's TouchStone Leaders Planning Tools. This highly personalized process gives our youth a visual image of their personal dreams for their lives, their island and for the world. It has also helps crystalize the various steps of the Institute's programs: from the Summit, to College Prep Program and Career Mentor & Joh Shadow Day Program. In a very supportive environment with our facilitators and youth, they start seeing themselves becoming their dreams.

John's childhood dream was to be an inventor, an electrical engineer and live the life of a mad scientist. He wanted to build a proper autonomous robot. He dreamed of starting his own company after college. He wanted to design and make video games and toys and was obsessed with remote controls and hifi gear. In high school John started his first company making floor plans and built a proper robot with two friends designed to clean their rooms. After graduating from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute where he majored in Electrical Engineering John started a company, ReQuest Inc, that is now 20 years old. In a time where phones had cords and computers talked over phone lines John designed and built their first product, AudioReQuest, in his bedroom which became one of the first MP3 players ever sold. After 13 years at ReQuest expanding into high end Audio and Video storage and commercial digital signage John left to work for the Activision studio Vicarious Visions working on the next generation guitar for Guitar Hero and the magnetic toys for Skylanders: Swap Force. Most recently John fulfilled his final childhood dream and spent 1.5 years biking around the US living in a tent while working on another startup: HearGlass, an improved type of hearing aid built into a pair of glasses.

Throughout John's entire career and schooling he has been helped along the way by mentors and he has always loved helping friends and family who are starting a business or navigating technical challenges. In joining the Institute John helps today's youth realize their childhood dreams.

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