

**Name**

David J. Foster

**Year of Graduation**

1978

**What have you done since graduating from Port Allegany High School?**

I attended Penn State, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering, then accepted a job at Pratt and Whitney in East Hartford, CT. I've spent the past 33 years managing the design, development and certification of turbofan engines for commercial airliners. I'm currently Chief Engineer for International Aero Engines, a Pratt and Whitney led collaboration with over 5,500 jet engines in service worldwide.

My wife Claudia, a middle school science teacher, and I have two sons. Tyler is a published freelance photographer, taking after his Uncle Gary. Stuart is an Aerospace Engineer, working at Blue Origin developing rockets.

**Where do you currently live?**

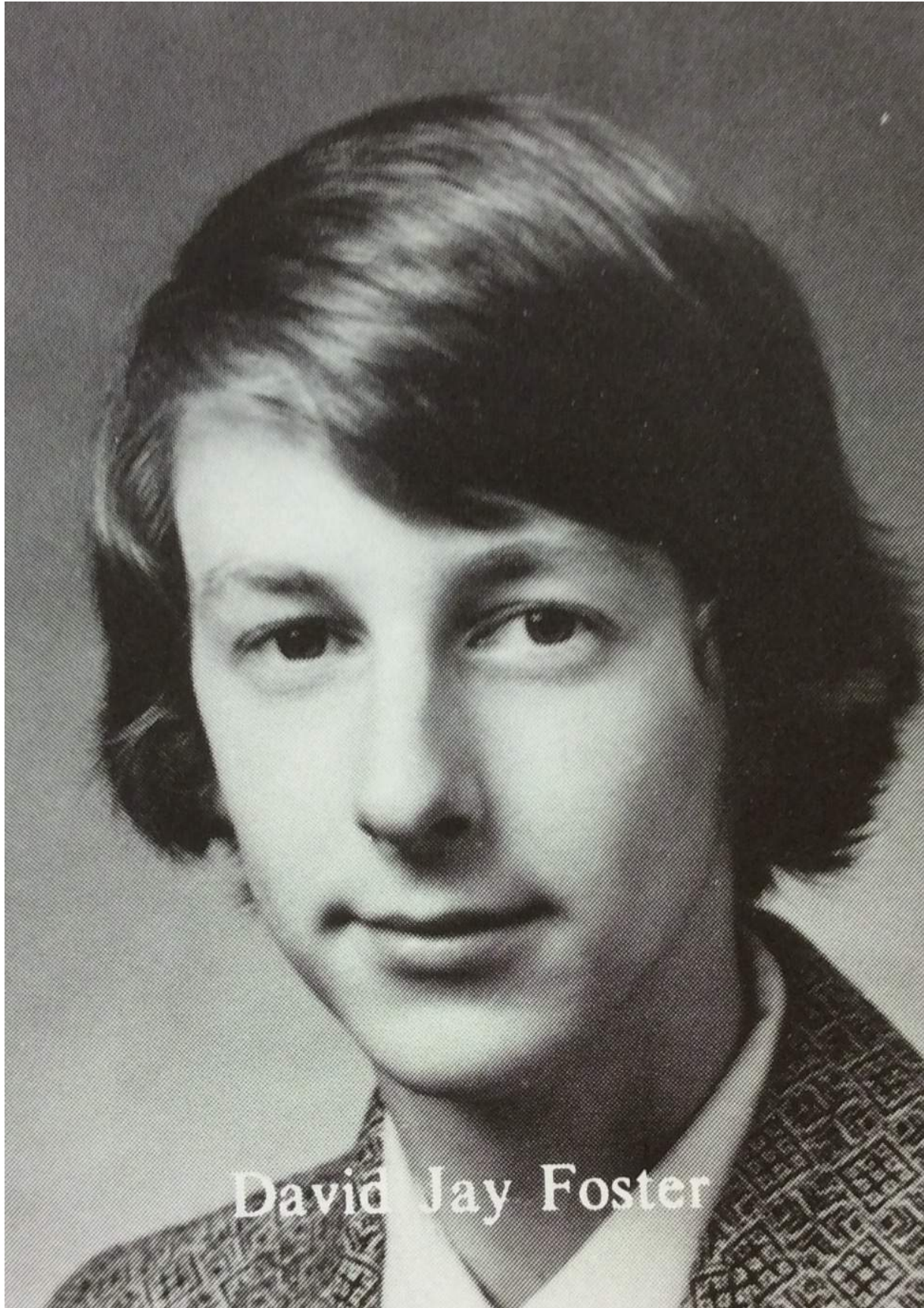
Claudia and I live in Burlington, CT

**Who was your favorite teacher in high school? Why were they your favorite?**

Mr. Petzold who introduced me to Physics, which was a positive experience that sparked my interest in engineering. Also, Mrs. Gregg-I remember cockily telling her, while dropping French from my curriculum, "I'd have no use for French...", now I humbly ask my Airbus counterparts for help in deciphering a French menu.

**What is your fondest memory of Port Allegany High School?**

Drawing and painting in the Art room during study halls, with my buddy Jeff Tinkering in Mr. Taylor's metal shop and Mr. Budd's woodshop Outdoor orienteering and shelter building for Survival Class with Mr. McCormick.



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This is a photo of David Foster in serial number 1- Airbus A380, during development of the world's largest passenger airliner.

