



Alex Rudine graduated Summa Cum Laude from Portland State University in 2007 with a Bachelors degree in Biochemistry and a minor in Mathematics. He did his undergraduate thesis work in Dr. Carl C. Wamser's Laboratory working with novel dyes for use in artificial photosynthetic cells. In 2008, he started graduate school at Portland State University with Dr. Carl C. Wamser as his dissertation adviser. In 2010 Alex Rudine was awarded a Department of Energy Office of Science Graduate Fellowship. He published four scientific articles before struggles with addiction required him to take a leave from graduate school in order to improve his mental health.

Alex Rudine currently has over four years clean and is the owner of a successful construction business in the Portland metro area. He is involved in his local recovery community as a mentor to addicts in recovery and as a mentor to recovering addicts in the construction field. In his personal life, Alex Rudine likes spending time with his two children Lilli (15) and Jackson (11). They enjoy hiking, camping, and exploring the outdoors. Alex also enjoys reading, playing guitar, and cooking. His other interests include helping raise the general understanding of addiction-related issues and improving scientific literacy on issues related to the environment and climate change.