

Black Horse Pike Regional School District Spotlight on Alumni (February 2020)



Dan McArthur, Highland Regional HS, class of 1992

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Supervisor of Registration, Enrollment and Summer Programs, Art Alessandroni, interviewed and discussed life after Highland Regional High School with Dan McArthur. Here's what Dan had to say about his Tartan experience:

1. AA: If you attended a college/university, what school(s) did you attend and was your major?

alumni: After Highland, I went to Rowan University, majoring in History and minored in Philosophy and Religion

2. Describe your career/profession today?

alumni: Today, I am the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of a heavy civil site construction company in Pennsylvania.

3. AA: What impact Highland High School have on your career path/profession?

alumni: Well, my career path did not necessarily go in a straight line. But Highland taught me to stay the course in everything that I did and always reminded me of ways to keep moving forward.

4. AA: Was there a teacher, coach, counselor, administrator, secretary, etc. that had the biggest impact on you while in school, and if so, how?

alumni: Coaches Don Reich and Ralph Ross made a big impact at HHS on me. Coach Reich would always remind us that it is not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog. Coach Ross always expected you to be a little better than the day before. He also expected your best regardless of the situation.

5. AA: Which clubs, sports, activities, etc., if any, did you participate in while at HHS?

alumni: At HHS, I played four years of both football and baseball.

6. AA: Do you have a fond/favorite memory from high school you'd be willing to share?

alumni: Honestly, my fond memories were with my teammates. The comradery and friendships and relationships you build by being on teams is what I remember most. Regardless of winning and losing, I really enjoyed sports at Highland and the journeys traveled with those teammates.

7. AA: What advice would you give to our current student body?

alumni: Be aware of all career paths. Explore all options before graduating. I felt my path was right to college, which was fine...but nowadays I think students should be sure they know all options. Most importantly, find what your genuine, natural, true passion is and do something in that field. Do something that you are really good at. Of all the courses I took in high school, a Drafting class that was not even a full year course really hits home for me as we are talking. After that class, I found myself enjoying drafting...hence being on large job sites designing civil projects today.

