

**Black Horse Pike Regional School District
Spotlight on Alumni – Timber Creek Regional HS
February 2021**



Ankit Gohil, Timber Creek High School c/o 2013

Ankit is an amazing young man. In August of 2016, Ankit was in a horrific motorcycle accident that he was lucky to survive. The accident took his left arm, but not his spirit. Ankit and his family started the AJ Gohil Family Foundation which is a non-profit that benefits young children who have chronic illnesses, disabilities and/or have gone through trauma. Together they have helped so many and continue to do so today. Ankit could have let this traumatic event define him, but instead he chose to give back. I had Ankit twice throughout his high school career and watched him grow into a mature young man. I knew he would do great things and seeing him persevere through this difficult experience makes me incredibly proud to know him.

~Mrs. Jennifer Pavelik, Math teacher at TC

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

Ankit: I wanted to go into business, but didn't do the best my first year. I changed to Computer Science and also didn't do that well. It took me some time to find out what I really wanted to do, so I then decided to go into Finance. With Finance, I would be able to analyze my own businesses and make tough decisions to grow it.

2. Looking back, would you have done anything differently and why?

Ankit: I think I would have valued my time in school the first two years more. I wasn't focused on the right things and that cost me. Time is so valuable, so I wish I managed it better.

3. Describe your career/profession today?

Ankit: Today I am about to graduate from Temple University. I am also an investor and I run a non-profit that benefits young children and chronic illnesses. (I started the non-profit after getting into a traumatic motorcycle accident in August of 2016.)

4. AA: What impact did your high school have on your career path/profession?

Ankit: BHP had a huge impact because I found my love for numbers and math my freshman year of high school.

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

Ankit: Mrs. Pavelik and Mrs. Cicotelli had a huge impact on me. In high school, I wasn't always so organized, I wasn't always focused on the right things either. Both teachers helped keep me on track. Beyond that, I felt as if they were two teachers who really cared about my well-being as well. Someone I could always talk to and count on. That has molded me into who I am today by just them taking their time and helping me achieve what I want.

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

Ankit: I participated in History Club. I participated because that's what colleges looked for. Even beyond college networking is so important. Today, I look for any networking event which is something I similarly did at Timber Creek.

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

Ankit: My favorite part of high school was the football games. Just where everyone in school is on the same side wanting to beat the same team. Just feel a sense of camaraderie.

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

Ankit: I think it's important to enjoy your time in high school. It really goes by faster than you think. Appreciate everyone around you. Be open to everyone's perspective. Listen more than you talk. Lastly, stay focused on your goals, and crush them.



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