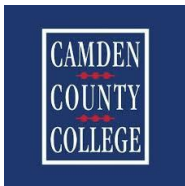


Black Horse Pike Regional School District “Spotlight on Alumni” - HIGHLAND March 2021

Andy Mosiondz, class of 1993



1. AA: Upon graduation, what post-secondary path did you take and why?

Andy: Right after graduation, I started working almost full time at Staples and I began college full-time at Camden County College. Upon graduation, I moved on to Rowan University, where I earned a BA in Communications. I always wanted to be a football player but I was not positive what I really wanted to do. I knew it would involve sports.

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

Andy: *I wish I would have played baseball from grade 9 on. By the time I decided to tryout senior year, the coach had an honest conversation with me about playing time and I felt maybe that one year just wouldn't work out. Now, as the Manager of Ballpark Operations & Staffing for Citizens Bank Park (CBP), including the Philadelphia Phillies, I wish I would have taken Spanish. I work with over 600 employees and between my colleagues and the players, I really wish I would know more Spanish than I do. If I only knew.*

3. AA: Describe your career/profession today?

Andy: *Today, I am the Manager of Ballpark Operations & Staffing for the Philadelphia Phillies and all functions at CBP. I oversee 600+ employees, making sure our primary goal is safety for all. I do scheduling, trainings, and many, many other jobs but making sure our fans, employees and players safety is at the forefront of it all.*

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

Andy: *I feel like Highland staff helped me with learning responsibility for self and others. Across the board, from grades 9-12, I feel like I learned how to be more pro-active and learn not to procrastinate. I also feel like my English classes helped me become a better writer.*

5. AA: Were there specific teachers, coaches, counselors, administrators, secretaries or other professionals that had a major impact on you while in school, and if so, who were those professionals and describe how they helped you along your HS journey.

Andy: *Honestly, everyone at Highland had our best interest at heart. Those that come to mind immediately are **Ms. Diz, Mr. Homer, and Ms. McCall**. **Ms. Diz** was my PE teacher and was amazing to me at a tough time in my life. My grandmom passed when I was a junior and she, along with others, always made sure I was okay and in a good place. She always made sure I knew I could talk to her anytime, not just during class. Ironically, I now work with her at CBP and it's really cool to keep that relationship going. **Ms. McCall**, my French teacher was no different. She was a great teacher and always helped me grow. She cared about her students beyond French class. **Coach Homer** was my freshman football coach and he was awesome. He pushed us but with purpose.*

6. AA: Which school clubs, sports, activities, etc., if any, did you participate in when you attended your BHP high school? If so, were there any moments or experiences that you can recall that helped you become the person you are today?

Andy: At HHS, I played football in grades 9, 10, and 11. I also was in some of the plays and musicals. I'll never forget being in one Shakespeare play and having to memorize lines but not really being prepared a few nights prior. My teacher kinda read me the riot act and low and behold, I pulled it off...but boy was that nerve-wracking. "I nailed it!"

7. AA: Please share any other favorite memories of the Black Horse Pike Regional School District, your HS in particular, that would inspire today's youth?

Andy: I think the one highlight for was my first catch as a football player. It was at night, under the lights, in Washington Township. Coincidentally, my brother-in-law was opposite me playing for WT. My wife works at WT and most of my local friends are from WT. It's pretty cool how my first catch was in a game where the school later added so many important pieces to my life. Small world. Another memory would be the senior trip. That was the first time I ever flew. I think a good percentage of kids never flew by then either, so I was in good company. As I mentioned earlier, HHS was a great place for me, my siblings and really cared about you.

8. What advice would you give to our current student body? What would you have done differently in high school if you could turn back time?

Andy: Well I have children myself and one entering her high school years next year. My message to her and to your student body is, and would be to try and stay focused on your dreams and goals. They are reachable. Eliminate distractions that you don't need. Utilize the resources you have provided to you at your school. The schools care about your well-being. And finally, keep your career options open. If you are a freshman, you have your high schools alone to try new things. Take various electives. Always keep your passion as your primary goal and dream job but try to be open to their things because trust me, I wanted to be in the NFL, I never played baseball though I should have, and now I protect and provide safety to dozens of professional athletes daily.

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*"I received a phone call a few weeks back and as I was assisting Mr. Mosiondz in regards to our grade 9 curriculum and simply answering some general questions he had about HHS for 2021-22 and beyond. As we continued our conversation, and being a huge sports fan, I learned he worked for the Phillies and went to HHS. He mentioned he works with Ms. Diz and what she meant to him in HS and from there, I knew I had to do a story with him."*

*~ Mr. Alessandroni, Supervisor of Registration & Enrollment*