

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



Dr. Scott Morschauser, Highland Regional HS, class of 1973

Nominator: Robert Baumgartner – Triton Social Studies teacher

Supervisor of Registration, Enrollment and Summer Programs, Art Alessandroni, interviewed/discussed life after Highland Regional High School with Dr. Morschauser. Here's what Scott 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: Upon graduating from Highland, I earned my BA in Ancient Greek/Religion from Gettysburg. In 1980, I earned my MA in Near Eastern Studies at John Hopkins University. I also earned my PhD at Johns Hopkins in 1987 in Egyptology. In 1991, I earned a Master of Divinity in Biblical Studies at Princeton Theological Seminary.

2. Describe your career/profession today?

alumni: Today, I am a full time professor at Rowan University. I teach Ancient History with courses on Ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome, as well as classes on Medieval Europe. I have also been a Presbyterian Minister since 1991 and had a church in Haddon Heights for 11 years.

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

alumni: The staff was very encouraging in terms of my interests, considering Ancient Studies was not as "popular" as other future majors. Highland gave me a very strong foundation for he college rigor.

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: I have to list several...

Mrs. Orlando: English – She was kind, firm and showed confidence in me

Ms. Holcomb (Morris): Art teacher – very encouraging towards Art History interests

Mr. James: PE teacher – ran Cross Country/Track for Mr. James. Taught me discipline and how to practice

Mrs. Mauke: Counselor – was always supportive and encouraging relative to college and career planning

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

alumni: At HHS, I ran Track, Cross Country, was a member of Interact and a member of the Junior Classical League (Latin Club)

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

alumni: Well...let's just say I was in the wrong place at the wrong time during a senior breakfast program event. The bus was late...so we needed to find breakfast elsewhere. VP Lynch was not happy with us. Mr. Lynch declared that I- - - and my friends with me- - - were the kind of students that gave Highland a bad name. Ironically, one of them graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy, another is the head of a prominent business in South Jersey, and I eventually earned my Ph.D. and became a minister."

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

alumni: "My advice would be to pursue your interests, be confident in yourself and in your interests, get a job or career that you love and don't forget what it is to be human".

