

Black Horse Pike Regional School District Spotlight on Alumni Spotlight – October 2021

Frank Marciano – Class of 2000



Nominator: *“Frank is one of the best PEOPLE I have ever met. Currently, Frank is an English teacher at Triton. He is also the Head Girls Basketball Coach, Assistant Girls Tennis Coach, Assistant Baseball Coach, and clock operator for football. Formerly Frank was the Head Baseball Coach. His dedication to Triton and its students is unmatched.”*

~ Keith Williams, Athletic Director/Assistant Principal, Triton HS

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

Frank: *After graduation, I went to Rutgers-Camden and majored in English Education. My parents were teachers and coaches. Growing up, I saw the impact they had on students and I knew it was something that I wanted to do. I had some great teachers at Highland who set me up for success and inspired me to become a teacher.*

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

Frank: No. I had a great high school and college experience. I'm where I am today because of the people who I met along the way.

3. AA: Describe your career/profession today?

Frank: Today, I am in my 17th year as an English Teacher at Triton Regional High School and I am the Head Girls' Basketball, Assistant Girls Tennis Coach, and Assistant Baseball Coach.

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

Frank: I was very fortunate to have some great teachers and coaches. People were always willing to put in extra time in the classroom and on the field or court to give me every opportunity to succeed. I've tried to model my own teaching style after the people who helped me get to this point.

5. AA: Were there specific teacher(s), coach(es), counselor(s), administrator(s), secretary(ies), 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.

Frank: My senior Language and Composition teacher, **Mrs. Marshall**, is the person who made me want to be an English teacher. She made class fun and interesting every single day. She challenged her students and valued each person. **Mrs. Pierce**, my Pre-Calc teacher, was the same way. I almost majored in Math instead of English because of her class. It was easy to see she cared about you as a person and student.

All of my coaches had a significant impact on who I've become today. **Coach Milavsky and Coach Fiore** helped me grow as a baseball player and competitor. **Coach Gore** was instrumental in my success as a player and person while I was at Highland. Although we find ourselves in opposite dugouts a few times a year now, I am really grateful for everything he did for me and I consider him a friend today.

Being able to play for **Coach Little and Coach Saunders** was really special. You'd be hard pressed to find two better basketball minds on one staff in all of South Jersey. **Coach McGettigan** gave me opportunities to work basketball camps in the summer and coach youth basketball teams in Gloucester Township. He's another incredible basketball mind who I've gone to for advice multiple times.

Mr. Storer, our athletic trainer, really looked out for me. During my time, I had a few injuries and he went out of his way to make sure I was ready to compete again.

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?**

Frank: I was a member of the Interact Club, National Honor Society, and I played basketball and baseball. Being a member of these clubs and sports taught me how to work as part of a group and a team. Whether we were planning a fundraiser or competing on the field, I learned to respect other opinions and ideas.

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?**

Frank: I'm in a unique spot in that I graduated from Highland, I teach at Triton, and I have a younger brother who graduated from Timber Creek. I've seen firsthand that each school in our district has a lot to offer to every student. When I walk through the halls at Triton, I see teachers, club advisors, and coaches, helping kids in any number of ways. It reminds me of my time at Highland. Teachers were always willing to help and wanted the best for their students.

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?**

Frank: It sounds cliché, but get involved. Go to any event the school is hosting: One Act Plays, the Musical, a Friday night football game, the Art Show, the Talent Show. Anything. Seeing your classmates' and peers' other talents and watching them excel in different ways can bring people together. You'll never regret showing up to any event and supporting someone in your school.

