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







Ashish Joseph, Timber Creek High School c/o 2008 Nominated by Mrs. Suzanne Nordone, SS teacher at TC

Supervisor of Registration, Enrollment and Summer Programs, Art Alessandroni, discussed life after Timber Creek High School with Mr. Ashish Joseph. Here's what Ashish had to say:

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

alumni: Upon graduation, I attended Drexel University, majoring in Finance.

2. Describe your career/profession today?

alumni: For the past 8 years, I was an Investment Analyst at Glenmede for the Pew Charitable Trusts and an Entrepreneur on the side (owning a bar/liquor store/startups/investment properties). At the beginning of 2020 – I left Glenmede to take on the role of CEO at one of my investments, SC Botanicals, a Hemp/Cannabis/CBD Processing Facility in South Carolina. We extract and formulate CBD products throughout the US.

3. AA: What impact did your high school have on your career path/profession? alumni: TC had extremely loyal teachers, administrators and staff members. They went out of their way to help me. Teachers taught me loyalty – they kept in touch and checked up on me. I could never forget the teachers/staff who went out of their way for me. In business – I try to stay loyal to my customers and check up on people and not just use them for a quick sale. TC taught me tremendous organizational skills. TC taught me about Time Management. I learned over my four years how to

balance studying with social life, sports and time with family. Staying organized and on top of the small tasks keeps me successful.

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 can name dozens Mr. A, but I will point out the two that come to mind:

Mrs. Pavelik: Mrs. Pavelik was my study hall teacher. I NEVER had her as a real teacher; but she was so inspiring. Just having someone to talk to about all the things going on in HS without having a class was important. It was a break from the everyday hustle of TC to just learn about each others families, dislikes, likes, changes that should be made in the district, the future, my goals. I just felt that she cared about me more than just a student who was trying to get grades in her class. She listened and gave me great career and life advice. Her study hall was extremely memorable and I cannot thank her enough.

Mr. Saunders: Mr. Saunders was a mentor to me. I look up to him more than he probably realizes. He spoke to like an adult and treated me with the utmost respect FROM DAY ONE. No need to write a long paragraph "if you know - you know" – everyone needs someone like Mr. Saunders in their life.

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

Alumni: While at TC, I was a member of the National Honor Society, Tennis team, One Acts, Student Council VP, Renaissance Club, History Club, Teen Pep, Transition Project, AV Club and Morning Jolt.

6. AA: Do you have a favorite memory from high school you'd be willing to share? alumni: Favorite memory was being apart of Student Council and organizing homecoming. I remember driving around with Kai Shaw, Krystal Mangawang, Sean Cosico to land sponsorships for our 50's themed homecoming. We were lucky enough to land a sponsorship from Nifty Fifty's (free milkshakes for everyone at homecoming). I also remember staying super late in the gym with fellow members of student council decorating the gym. We had a small budget but a lot of people worked hard on it and made the gym look amazing. It always made appreciate that with hard work, you can do great things even with a small budget.

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

alumni: My advice to today's teens would be to not let social media run your life. Don't worry about what others say or how they say it. Put your head down, focus on your long-term goal and ACHIEVE IT – whatever IT may be.