

Black Horse Pike Regional School District Spotlight on Alumni Spotlight – DECEMBER 2020



Joseph Hancock, co 2016

“Joey is almost finished his apprenticeship as a NJ Union carpenter where he will soon be a journeyman. Joey works extremely hard every day. He also began fixing up and flipping houses this year on the side also. His drive and determination have led him to be very successful up to this point and the sky is the limit for him!”

~Mr. Michael Smith, Timber Creek HS Technology Teacher

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

Joseph: I took the path of joining the carpenter’s union. I chose this path because I wanted to start making money fresh out of high school. Also I always wanted to get into real estate and knowing construction helps out with that.

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

Joseph: No I wouldn’t have done anything differently. I came out of high school making good money and that helped me get to where I am today.

3. AA: Describe your career/profession today?

Joseph: I am a carpenter in the carpenter's union. I do everything from framing and Sheetrock to finish work like cabinets and trim work. I also am a real estate investor as I flipped my first home in 2020.

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

Joseph: High school taught me a lot of different things in many different aspects. It gave me general knowledge in different subjects. It also helped me acknowledge what subjects and classes I liked more than others. For example, I enjoyed math class much more than English which helps you decide what you want to do in the future.

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.

Joseph: Mr. Smith actually helped guide me to my current profession I'm in now as he took a group of kids including myself to the carpenters training center during my senior year. It opened up my eyes to what I wanted to do. Also I thought his engineering classes were great and he overall taught me a lot and helped me out a lot. Also Mr. Saunders helped me out as he gave me a lot of advice and helped keep me out of trouble. I'd also like to mention Ms. Karim, she is such a nice, great women and her Accounting class taught me a lot about managing money which is important. There's some more but too many to name.

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?

Joseph: I didn't really participate in any clubs or activities during high school.

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?

Joseph: You make many memories and many friends throughout your high school journey. My senior trip was a great time. Also going to the football and basketball games was always a good time. To go and support your school and cheer on you friends. It's always a good time to see your school win!

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?

Joseph: My advice to the current student body is to use your time wisely in high school to learn everything you possibly can. Knowledge is power. Learn to pay attention more to the things that will help you out later on in life. During your high school years, you should figure out what you want to do after high school as you don't want to panic after graduating. Find out what you like to do. College isn't your only option as you could always get into a trade or become a real estate agent, etc. High school flies by and is such a short period of your life. Use the time to create a successful future for yourselves. You want a lot in life you must work hard and stay focused on your dreams.