

# Black Horse Pike Regional School District Spotlight on Alumni – June 2021

## Jarel Ferren, Timber Creek High School co 2012



*“Jarel is currently a police officer for Winslow Twp. and recently made the news for saving an elderly woman's life by rescuing her from a burning apartment complex. He is a hero who should be recognized. I am proud to have coached him and proud to say he is a TC Alum.”*

*~ Dave Ritz, Timber Creek*

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

*Jarel: Following graduating from Timber Creek High School, I attended The Camden County Emergency Training Center, where I graduated from 2 different academies. The Fire-Fighter (Gloucester Township Lambs Terraces) and The Emergency Medical Technician (EMT – Winslow EMS) academies. I also attended the Gloucester County and Cape May Police Academies, where I graduated and became a Police Officer for Haddon Heights, North Wildwood and currently a Police Officer at the Winslow Township Police Department*

**2. Describe your career/profession today?**

*Jarel: Being a police officer is really an indescribable job. Each day is different. You never really know what the next day will bring, but I wake up every day with a smile on my face, knowing that I WILL make a difference!*

**3. AA: Looking back, would you have done anything differently and why?**

*Jarel: I believe everything happens for a reason. I am a firm believer that we all make mistakes and learning from our mistakes is what makes us stronger. And a better human. It also keeps us humble in our highest moments, because you should never forget where we came from. I will never forget or regret where I came from. I will always respect the progression and support it took to be where I am in life today.*

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

*Jarel: Throughout life, Timber Creek High School has still made such a positive impact on my daily life. From the classroom, to the athletics program, it prepared me for life. I brag to everyone how hard wrestling always was, but it was the best experience I've ever had. There was a lot of blood, sweat and tears! Each and every coach always pushed us to be the best. Even when we didn't think we were, they knew we were better. History proves it!*

**5. AA: Was/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.**

*Jarel: I can say there were many staff members, throughout my years at Timber Creek, that saw me as someone I never knew I was. The support and life lessons I did not understand at the time, has made me subconsciously act on things now and understand their meanings. **Coaches Mchugh (Q), K, Ritz, Cottone and Grottini. VP Saunders, Mr. Renner** and a looooooong list of other staff members always contributed into going out of their way, to make sure I always stayed on track.*

**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?**

*Jarel: One program I recall, being a part of that helped me the most was the Teen Pep Program. At the time, it was a Senior program that helped Freshman adapt to the High School life. It also gave the Seniors an opportunity to work on social and pre “psychology” skills. Being a police officer, you have to know how to speak to the public and/or public speaking. 99.9% of the job is dealing with people on their worst day, so knowing how to correctly speak and understand is key. Aside from that, communication is just a failed “language” in general. It should definitely be taught at a young age to better the way we treat and understand one another.*

**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?**

*Jarel: The T.C experience is something that you have to experience yourself, in order to know what we mean. It's kind of a you had to be there moment. There are so many memories of being there that I miss to this day. From the Pep Rally's, to the standing room only Athletic events, we were truly one big family.*

**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?**

*Jarel: Current students at Timber Creek, I would recommend taking every experience you have as a high schooler and hold on to it. You don't understand now how much you will miss it in the future. They are moments you will never get back and times you will never forget. Be sure to make your Timber Creek experiences as memorable as mine!*



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