



Black Horse Pike Regional School District

Alumni Spotlight - OCTOBER 2020



CHRISTA MOORE, CO '92

“Christa is currently the school nurse at Triton High School. As a student at Triton, she participated in the Future Nurses Club and eventually became a nurse. Christa has handled the COVID crisis with poise, diligence, compassion, and insight. She continues to have a smile on her face every day and is always willing to help anyone. She serves on the Parent Teacher Committee where she organizes the Bag Bingo Night and other events. She is currently the class advisor for the class of 2022. Christa volunteers and gives her time regularly. She has served as President of the Runnemedede PTA in the past. Christa attends sporting events of her students. She serves on many committees. She is a true example of a Mustang! Christa gives back to her community which she was raised and now raises her own family in. She is a light of hope and empathy to all during an extremely difficult time in education. She never complains and will stop what she is doing to help any staff member, student, parent, or community member in need. She was a gift to Triton when she attended and now she is making an even bigger impact as our school nurse.”

~ Melinda Brokenshire

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

Christa: I attended the University of Delaware and earned my Bachelor of Science in Nursing. I have many nurses in my family and I was always interested in science and helping people.

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

Christa: I don't think so. I'm a big believer that each wrong turn leads to a life lesson. If I've ever made a decision that didn't go the way I thought or wanted it to, I've learned and grown from it. I would rather make a mistake trying something new than only staying within my comfort zone.

3. AA: Describe your career/profession today?

Christa: Today I'm the school nurse here at Triton High School. When I graduated from college I started out as an emergency room nurse. I worked in the ER for 12 years. The work was demanding but fulfilling. The demands made it difficult to have a good work/life balance so I began to look for new career opportunities. A school nurse position was open in a local school in 2007 and then I made the jump to Triton in 2016. I love what school nursing has offered me. I have established relationships with students and families in our community. I've helped families through difficult moments and also had the opportunity to see amazing triumphs. Here at Triton I am also a class advisor, along with Steph Nelson, to the Junior Class. That position offers me the chance to interact with our students in a different setting from the nurse's office and to watch our students develop leadership skills.

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

Christa: My high school experience definitely set the tone for my future. I enjoyed being in many clubs and activities. I was always on my way to a practice, rehearsal, or meeting and I loved it! When I attended Triton we had a Future Medical Careers Club that gave me experience and exposure to medical situations through trips and activities.

5. AA: Was/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? Describe how they helped you along your HS journey.

*Christa: I went to Triton in the 90s so of course the most influential person to all of us was **Mr. Cappelli**. His enthusiasm and dedication to our school was amazing to witness.*

Each Friday he would get on the loudspeaker to encourage us to make good decisions over the weekend. He would encourage us to look out for one another because we were a part of the "Triton Family." I think that is why it meant so much to have my career come full circle and come back to my "Triton Family."

*The teacher who most impacted my time at Triton was definitely **Kathy McCollaum**. She was a teacher and an advisor to me while at Triton and many of my most fond memories at Triton involve those classes and activities. She was supportive and encouraging during that most influential time in my life.*

- 6. AA: Which school clubs, sports, activities, etc., if any, did you participate in at THS? Were there any moments or experiences that you can recall that helped you become the person you are today?**

***Christa:** I joined a lot of things. I was in Field hockey, Cheerleading, One Act Plays, Fall Production, Musical, and there were a lot of things I joined for one year to see if I liked it. I would say my experience in the theatre while in school really helped me to meet people who were different than me and helped me develop a part of me that I hadn't before.*

- 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?**

***Christa:** My favorite memories are the things I did with my friends. We rode the bus to games, went to football games, decorated for Spirit Week, and watched each other on stage. Our epic pep rallies where Mr. Cappelli shouted "Give me a T" and we watched him spell out TRITON in the middle of the gym are something I'll never forget. We cheered each other on and were there for each other too. We were really a family, a Triton 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?**

***Christa:** Join everything that interests you and join something you know nothing about! High school is a great time to learn about the people and world around you. Keep learning about yourself and those who are different than you. There is a great big world out there to explore and your exploration starts right here!*

