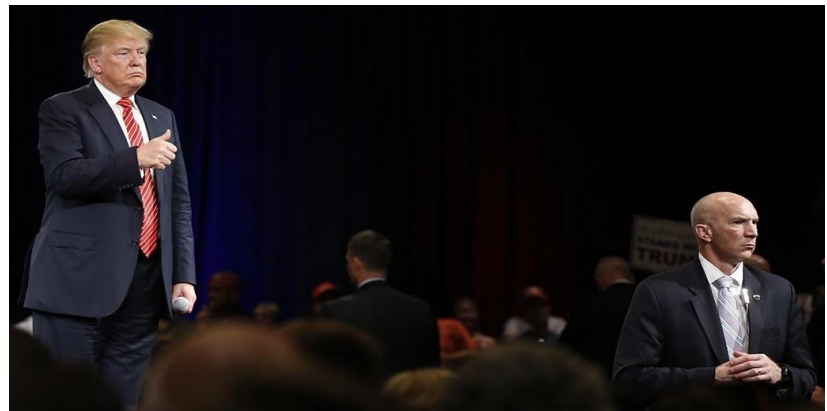
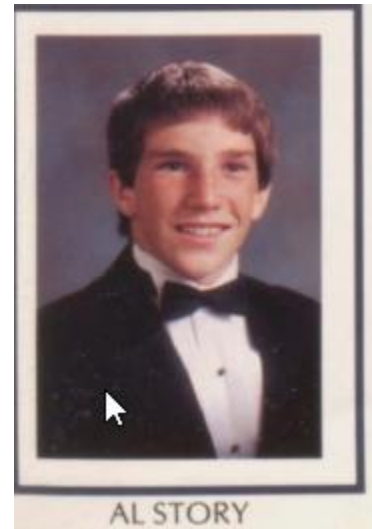


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Al Story

Mr. Al Story was born and raised in Rabun County. He credits Rabun County with teaching him the importance of having a strong work ethic. Al graduated from Rabun County High School with the class of 1987. After graduation, he attended the University of Georgia as a walk-on with the football team. He lettered as a football player at UGA in 1991. It was during his senior season at UGA that one of his football coaches invited two secret service agents to campus and that is when Al found his calling. Al had originally planned on a career in the military, but after hearing the agents speak he changed course in 1992 and decided to pursue the Secret Service.



Al began his career right here in Rabun County, with the Rabun County Sheriff's Department. He worked for the Sheriff's Department from 1992-1994. Al was then hired by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to work in the Macon, GA office, which he did from 1994-1997. In 1997, Al was hired as a Special Agent Officer with the Secret Service. He began his Secret Service career in the Atlanta, GA field office working on threats against the president and counterfeiting. In 2002, he moved to Albany, GA to serve on the protection detail for former President Jimmy Carter. During his service there, Al traveled the world with President Carter and his wife. In 2006, Al was transferred to the Birmingham, AL field office and was again responsible for presidential threat cases for President Bush and President Obama. In 2016, Al was assigned to the protective detail for presidential candidate Donald J. Trump. After President Trump was elected, Al was offered a promotion to the New York, NY office to begin the Secret Service detail for Donald Trump, Jr. and family. This service lasted 2 years until 2018, at which point Al retired from the Secret Service after 23 years of service. Upon retirement from the Secret Service, Al began working for the University of Alabama as the Director of Threat Assessment and was responsible for

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monitoring behaviors on campus to ensure there were no acts of violence. Since 2019, Al has also been working for The Home Depot. He is responsible for executive protection for Corporate Security. The highlights of his career include visiting all 50 states and 42 countries and working on the presidential campaign trail with President Trump and family.

Al's Words of Wisdom

Al had a few words of wisdom for current students in the Rabun County School System:

- “The harder I work, the luckier I get.”
- “Failing to prepare is preparing to fail.”
- “Set your goals and dreams high.”
- “Surround yourself with the right people to help you achieve your goals.”