



## ***Non Sibi Sed Aliis Award***

Presented annually at the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association during Reunion weekend, the *Non Sibi Sed Aliis Award* is bestowed upon an alumnus/a who has brought pride to the Academy by embodying the spirit of the school's motto, "Not for self, but for others." The recipient is invited to return to the Academy during the following school year to meet with students and participate in community events. The 2022 *Non Sibi Sed Aliis Award* winner is Alfred "A.J." Enchill '12.

A.J. Enchill has internalized Govs mission and is committed to advocating for his community. While attending Tufts University, he worked for Congresswoman Katherine Clark and has served as State Senator Adam Hinds' District Aide since 2017. When I meet new people in our county, they often share a story of how A.J. helped them or their family members. One evening, we were out to dinner and spoke with a woman at the table next to us. After she asked what A.J. did for a living, this woman was brought to tears recalling how A.J. helped her father get a new power chair. These stories often make it back to us. His efforts are felt on a deeply personal level across the county—from RMV struggles to complex pandemic unemployment cases. After completing his Bachelor's degree in American Studies, A.J. returned to his hometown of Pittsfield, where he volunteers as an Executive Committee Member of the Berkshire County Branch of the NAACP, Board Chair of Multicultural BRIDGE, and a board member of Community Health Programs, EforAll, and Berkshire Community Action Council. He is a mentor with *Berkshire Children and Families*. He coaches youth lacrosse and lends his voice to community panels and presentations, including *Being Black in the Berkshires*; and *Immigrant Experience in the Berkshires*. A.J. also founded a non-profit organization, [The Berkshire Black Economic Council](#), to promote economic justice in our county.

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To support this work, he recently completed a certification as a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion practitioner. *The Berkshire Black Economic Council* has secured grants for local entrepreneurs, hosted business networking events, and compiled a directory of over sixty Black-owned businesses. The organization's website includes a bulletin for Black businesses, job postings, matchmaking, and grant opportunities. The organization was incorporated in May 2021 and is rapidly growing and creating community partnerships. In addition to founding the *Berkshire Black Economic Council*, A.J. was also selected as a leader for the Boston Fed's Leaders for Equitable Local Economies (LELE) initiative. During this 18-month initiative, A.J. is developing and testing strategies to advance racial equity and inclusion in Pittsfield.

He works during the day for the Senator, spends all night building his non-profit, and is more than worthy of our alma mater's *Non Sibi Sed Aliis* Award. He also manages this incredible level of service while being an exceptional father to our 14-month-old son.

-Grace Enchill '10

[Read more about A.J. Enchill](#)