



Eric Walsh '02

Eric acquired skills for multitasking and successfully producing winning results in high school by juggling a variety of activities while maintaining high grades. Likely remembered for his outstanding basketball career, including a two-time Midwest Conference MVP, an All Loganland player of the year selection and graduating as the boy's all-time career scoring leader, he also devoted time to track, cross-country and golf. Eric was active in clubs such as Art Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Spanish Club, Future Farmers of America, Student Council, and was also a member of the National Honor Society and a 10 year 4H member.

Eric went on to Goshen College to earn his bachelor's degree in accounting and play on Goshen's basketball team, breaking the existing Goshen College records for all-time leading scorer and all-time leading rebounder. He was named to the 3rd team NAIA Basketball All-American team in '05, was named NAIA Scholar Athlete in '06, and was a first team All-Conference Basketball selection for the Crossroads League in '04, '05 & '06.

After college graduation in '06, Eric was hired as a consultant for H.J. Umbaugh & Associates, a regional municipal advisory CPA firm headquartered in Indianapolis. In '08 he acquired his CPA license, was promoted to a manager position in '10 and then to principal in '15, and in '17 he became one of the youngest partners in the 65+ year history of Umbaugh. In '19, Umbaugh merged with Baker Tilley Virchow Krause, LLP making Eric one of the youngest partners in the 14th largest accounting firm in the US. Currently Eric leads one of Baker Tilly's four eastern municipal advisory teams spanning a three-state area. In the past five years he has served as the lead financial advisor for over \$500 million in municipal bond issuances, assisted communities with bond ratings from both Standard & Poor's and Moody's, served as an expert witness before the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) and been a featured speaker for statewide organizations such as Accelerate Indiana Municipalities (AIM), the Indiana Municipal Managers Association (IMMA) and the Indiana League of Municipal Clerk-Treasurers (ILMCT).

Eric, wife Tai (Caston '03), and daughters Roslyn and Eleanor live in the northern part of the Caston district. They anxiously await the arrival of a son, Fincher, due in August. Locally, Eric serves the community as a member of the Fulton County REMC Board of Directors. *"It's important for us to raise our family in this community. Living here while guiding a team with members spread between Indianapolis, Mishawaka, Lansing, Michigan and Columbus, Ohio means I work and travel quite a bit, but it is worth it for our children to grow up close to their grandparents and other positive role models in this community. I hope more local kids recognize today's technology allows them the opportunity to achieve professional and financial success without requiring them to live in a more metropolitan area."*