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Lindsay interviews Anthony Pagano

Tell me about yourself.

Anthony Pagano, Teacher and co-creator of the Norwalk DMCA program

What do you teach?

I teach classes such as Advanced Media, Broadcast Journalism, Sports Media, as well as multiple college level media courses.

What is special about Norwalk High School?

I love working at NHS because of the wonderful community of staff members and students that I get to collaborate with on a daily basis. I am very grateful to be part of our DMCA program and have been fortunate to work with so many creative and talented students over the last seven years!

Tell me a time you were proud to be an educator.

I am very proud to be part of the DMCA program and specifically when our students create projects for outside clients. It makes me very proud to hear the kind comments and feedback that they receive from completing their projects. One specific example is through our annual FCIAC Hall of Fame project in which our students create short documentary films for Fairfield County coaches. Each year we present these at a dinner and it makes me so proud to see the reactions from people representing all of the other high schools in the county. Each year they are blown away by the great work of our NHS/DMCA students!

Who is your hero? Who is your teaching inspiration? Why?

I don't have a specific "hero" connected to education but have been so fortunate to work with countless educators that have helped me become better each year.

How did you take care of your mental health?

This is always a challenge, but I try to take care of my mental health by walking/hiking with my dog and family as well as watching movies and going to concerts.