

Beloved Cambridge Teacher, Robert Bordas, Passes Away at 63

From the opening year of Cambridge in 2012 to 2021, Robert (Bob) Bordas (1961 - 2024) taught history. Almost immediately, he became a Cambridge institution. His storytelling and passion for US History was instilled in his students from the first day in his classroom. Students routinely commented that they had no idea how he knew so much, history and otherwise. If it wasn't a history story, it was a sports story, to which he was an avid fan, especially for Pittsburgh teams. His classroom was rigorous and he held his students to high standards, no matter who you were. Known to be a tough teacher, his students instead choose to remember him for how he exercised understanding and support for them, while they had him and beyond, through college recommendation letters, graduation letters, and on-going communication. Nothing illustrated that support more than his routine text messages to past students and colleagues during any holiday, but most especially 4th of July.

Without fail, students and friends would get their holiday meme (which he pronounced "me-me") and message to check in and wish them well. In his extensive teaching career, Mr. Bordas touched the lives of thousands of students across Cambridge and Milton before his [retirement](#) (link to Bear Witness article on his retirement).



In addition to his academic role at the Bridge, Mr. Bordas was also the assistant and then head golf coach. During his time with the team, they claimed the state championship and many other accolades. In addition to golf, Mr. Bordas had been involved in a multitude of other sports, including basketball. Sports was his passion. While in college, he was the sports editor for Duquesne University and then interned at the University of Pittsburgh sports department. He became the Sports Information Director at [Marist College](#) before changing careers. Mr. Bordas could be seen attending sporting events of his students in anything from basketball, football, and baseball to swimming, track and softball.

Mr. Bordas loved being around kids that had a passion for sports like he did. In that way, he connected with his students beyond the classroom.

Mr. Bordas battled cancer throughout his life, beginning at age 18. With a long period of a clean bill of health following his cancer treatment, he was met with cancer again during his time at Milton High School and then again at Cambridge. Desperate to get back to his students every time, he often did more than he was supposed to and always returned sooner than he should. Following his retirement, Mr. Bordas continued his battle with cancer until his passing on September 28th.

Please keep his family in your thoughts. If you wish to make a donation in his honor, it has been requested to be made to the [Mario Lemieux Foundation](#). Cambridge is thankful for the many years Mr. Bordas dedicated to our students and community.

