

Scranton Success Stories

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West Scranton High Class of 2008

Post-Secondary Education:

Bachelors: East Stroudsburg University

Masters: Marywood University

Doctorate: Wilkes University

Current Occupation: NEIS Principal

Chris looks back fondly on his high school career, specifically his time on the WSHS football team in 2007. Chris was proud to be part of the team that went 12-2 and was, in his opinion, one of the greatest football teams in the history of WSHS. Chris was also grateful to be following in his grandfather's and father's footsteps when he was hired as the assistant principal at West Scranton, and now serving as the principal at Northeast Intermediate.

At WSHS, Chris spoke of two teachers directly who influenced him. The first being Judy Kilmer. Mrs. Kilmer taught Chris how to read between the lines and write professionally. Those skills have helped him throughout his life, from passing his exams to his post-secondary education experience. and aid him in his every day work.

The second teacher Chris cited was Laurie Santoli who taught Chris' math class. Mrs. Santoli taught math in the same way that Chris' father did, making it easy for him to understand and excel in the class. "...she is still doing a tremendous job for her school and students today."

While at West Scranton, Chris played football, wrestling, and baseball. He was also involved with WSHS's National Honor Society.



Chris' time at the SSD taught him to never forget where he came from. Chris is proud of the blue-collar community and background that he comes from and that beats throughout the heart of the West Side. His time as both a teacher and administrator allows him to give back to the institution that gave him so much.

"Being in education with the SSD is the ultimate way in giving back in hopes of bringing this area back to what it once was."

