



Alliance High School Foundation

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Dear Fellow AHS Alumni and Friends,

It's amazing to think that it has been 28 years since I was a student at Alliance High School. Time really does fly. Fortunately for me, I still get to see my alma mater daily serving as a teacher at AHS. After all these years, we still hold true to our core values at AHS and strive to build upon these traditions of excellence.

My time at AHS was filled with terrific teachers and great memories. At that time, our student population was nearly double what it is today. Our hallways were packed with loud conversations and laughter, everyone enjoyed coming to school. Teachers were welcoming and eager to get the day started on a high note. So many of those teachers helped shape me into who I am today, and I cannot thank them enough for taking the time and genuinely caring about each of us.

When I graduated in 1996, there weren't many scholarships to go around. With twice as many students and far less scholarship funding, college after graduation was not attainable for many of us. I came from a blue-collar, middle class, hardworking family and knew I simply would not be able to afford college. Fortunately, AHS offered Career and Technical Education programs. CTE programs are an incredible opportunity for those students who, for whatever reason, do not have college in their future. I enrolled into CTE Welding and Fabrication and was taught highly technical skills which set me up for success in the field. Upon graduation, I worked my way up the proverbial ladder within a couple of big manufacturing companies and one day decided to start my own business. Fifteen years later, my business is thriving. In that time, I also earned my teaching license from Kent State University.

Before I graduated from CTE, I promised my teacher that someday I would be back to teach my program. I am grateful that dream has become my reality. I became a teacher to give back and pay homage to the many dedicated teachers before me. After years of being in the classroom I now have the joy of former students stopping in for a hug or to let me know how I have helped shape their lives. That's the best gift a teacher can receive. It's what we all do, it's what we strive for, it's the Alliance High School way.

Friends, I cannot thank you all enough for the generosity that you display year after year contributing to the Alliance High School Foundation. So many of our students and their families simply cannot afford to dream of college. Your continued support allows them to dream, and ensures those dreams become reality. Thank you for giving back and changing students' lives.

Thank you,

Eric J. Peters '96



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