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Volunteerism
Leadership
Collaboration
Legacy



STORIES OF SERVICE

I have wanted to be a basketball coach since I was in the 6th grade, and I have been extremely fortunate to be able to try and achieve this goal by helping with the boy's basketball team at Gatewood High School the last three seasons.

Basketball has been an intense passion of mine since I was 5 years old. It was ingrained in me by my family to enjoy the sport and appreciate the gracefulness of the athletes. Along with my appreciation of the sport itself, I also developed a great respect for the coaches, whom were responsible for preparing the teams to be able to play and developing the game plans. I eventually realized I wanted to learn to lead in that manner and to be a role model for others. When a former coach of mine informed me that the best way to break into coaching was to volunteer as an assistant at the middle school or high school level, I immediately knew I would have to find a school that needed help. That turned out to be Gatewood.

The most satisfying portion of my volunteer experience has been helping to motivate young people to improve themselves everyday and always give their best effort in anything they try to do. When an individual commits himself to improving his abilities on the court and he sees the results he gets from his hard work it is a great opportunity to translate that as an analogy for life and show that with hard work comes great rewards.

The relationship that develops between a player and a coach is another reason I enjoy coaching. The friendships I have gained and the moments I have shared with the kids on the team are some that I will enjoy reminiscing on for the rest of my life. It is experiences like those that tend to define who you are as an individual.

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