

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



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Every Winston graduate has a story. The **Winston Alumni Spotlight** will look at a variety of Winston Alumni, share their current lives and the impact that Winston has had on them. We hope you enjoy this inaugural launch and will consider sharing your story.

What are you doing now; what have you been doing since moving on from Winston in 8th grade?

After moving on from Winston I went to Morristown-Beard School for two years and I transferred for my Junior and Senior years to Seton Hall Prep where I graduated in the class of 2014.

Following High School, I went to Indiana University and played soccer at the collegiate level for one year. During my time at Indiana, I contributed to an undefeated season and was named Big 10 Freshman of the Year and earned Big 10 All-First Team honors.

I currently play football full-time for Minnesota United FC a professional soccer team. it's a full-time job and one that I love. My job is very rewarding but not easy.

Is there something about your time here that you can relate to your current success?

Patience!

I learned patience during my time at Winston. I started Winston in 6th grade and I struggled with ADHD and processing issues. School work took me a lot longer than my classmates and it was hard for me . The great staff and people at Winston taught me well and helped me gain confidence. Although school was not always easy for me, I learned ways to succeed.

I am currently the “youngster” on my team and some of my teammates have been playing professional soccer for over ten years. I had to be patient with myself and know that I am going to get better and get more playing time. Patience is definitely something that I learned at Winston and it has carried over to my current life.

Why is Winston important to you?

I know it may sound corny but Winston changed my life. If I had gone to public middle school the trajectory of my future of academics and athletics could have changed with the much larger classrooms. I would not have benefited from the patience and experience that Winston teachers have and the patience of the whole school community. The Winston classes were smaller and the community was so tight-knit. Everyone takes care of each other Winston shaped my future in the right way and helped me become the person that I am today.

What is your favorite Winston memory?

Graduation

Graduation was a cool day for me! It was rewarding to see how far I came as a person and as a student. When I started Winston in 6th grade I was a bit of a “wild child”. It was hard for me to control myself and I would get frustrated when I couldn't get concepts. I came out as an 8th grader feeling well prepared for high school. I remember feeling really confident as a person and as a student.

What are some of the things that you learned at Winston that have served you well in your life?

Teamwork

Because there were only 13 people in my class we had to pull together. Winston fostered the camaraderie among my classmates. Obviously teamwork is important to me playing professional soccer.

What advice would you have for today's Winston students?

Enjoy your time at Winston and live in the moment Looking back I see how fast time goes so don't take it for granted. Enjoy your time at Winston. It is a special place!

Would you like to share a question for the next interview subject?

What was your favorite lunch food at Winston?

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