

## *Class of 1996*



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### **Owner of Red Sky in Boston**

#### **What are your fondest memories as a student of AWHS?**

The close relationships between all the teachers and students. I really felt like the teachers were not only there to educate and help you succeed, but also to listen and be there for you when needed.

**Have you stayed close to the friends you made at AWHS?** Yes, I have stayed in touch with a lot of people. The community at AWHS was so close-knit I was able to form life-long bonds with people from many different classes. Playing three sports definitely made some bonds even closer however. The community was so tight you could never lose touch with the friends you made.

#### **What are your impressions of AWHS today?**

I believe AWHS has really made an impression in the private education sector. I think people can see the value and the quality education provided. If there are any growth areas I feel it may be in expanding the recruitment and exposure of AWHS to the western suburb communities as well as the immediate city communities.

#### **How can today's alumni best serve AWHS?**

First, alumni should be strong advocates for the school and to continuously promote it by simply talking about all the positive experiences they had and life lessons they gained from such a wonderful education. Second, alumni should reach out to AWHS to get involved with giving back to the school through volunteer work in whatever capacities are needed. Lastly, assisting in recruitment efforts through educating potential students about the life changing, positive experiences that can be gained if they choose AWHS.

#### **A brief biography:**

I received an MBA in marketing and advertising years ago. Currently I own and operate several restaurant related businesses. Including a lounge, restaurant, catering company and consulting company under the name of Redbrook Restaurant Group. I have been in this business for 17 years and have run my own company for the last six years. I am the president of a Bar Owners Organization in Boston which I started several years ago. In addition, I also write for some industry related magazines. I have never been married and live currently in Boston. I continue to stay active in ice hockey and enjoy golf. I am also an avid skydiver and am learning to become a pilot.

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