

Christopher Ducharme '89

The Alumni Service Award is presented to a Bishop Hendricken alumnus in recognition for outstanding service to the school and the Alumni Association through volunteering his time and expertise. The recipient of this honor today is Mr. Christopher Ducharme from the class of 1989.

Chris attended the University of Rhode Island where he double majored in English and Business receiving his Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1995. Chris used those skills along with what he describes as his "self-taught architectural design background" and parlayed that into becoming a principal owner, along with twin brother David, of the Cranston based E. Turgeon Construction Corporation, a successful "design and build" construction management firm specializing in commercial construction projects.

Not long after he started his extraordinary career, he quickly became a familiar face back on the Bishop Hendricken campus. From 2002-2008 he chaired the Building and Grounds Committee at his alma mater. He brought his passion and expertise in the field to help improve our aging campus. He has been instrumental in the design and construction of many building projects at Bishop Hendricken, including the Science & Technology addition, the Baseball Concession Stand, Football Press Box, HVAC Upgrade Project, Fire Alarm & Fire Sprinkler Upgrade Project, Founder's Hall, Campus Ministry, Cafeteria & Teacher Room Renovations, the Chapel Renovation, as well as many future athletic & academic planning projects.

He then volunteered to provide his expertise in another one of his passions: golf! As the chair of Hendricken's annual Alumni Golf Classic for more than 10 years, Chris has grown this popular outing into a premier fundraising event. Never just a figurehead, Chris has always rolled up his sleeves and done whatever it takes to see each of his projects through to fruition.

We have been blessed to have him sit on the Hendricken Board of Directors for six years, serving as the chair from 2015-2017. Much of Hendricken's recent success is in large part due to Chris's leadership, drive, foresight, positive attitude, and great love for his alma mater. In our local community, The Tomorrow Fund, a non-profit charitable organization, providing daily financial and emotional support to children with cancer and their families, has also been blessed to have Chris as a volunteer for the past 24 years.

It is with extreme gratitude and pride that we induct Chris into our 2018 Hall of Fame. Please join us, along with Chris's parents, Duke and Barbara Ducharme, his

sister Diana and brothers, Joe from the class of '84, twin brother David, and his three children Talia, Carsen and Mason, as we both thank and honor Mr. Christopher Ducharme with the 2018 Alumni Service Award.