

GENTLEMEN OF  
**GOAL**  
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**Fashion and Philanthropy**



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**Years in current position. Years in current industry?**

1999-Current at Latrobe 1997-1999 Adelphoi

**Education?**

Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education minor in History; Clarion University

**Hometown?** North Washington, PA **Currently Resides in?** Latrobe, PA

**What lead you to your current profession?**

The passion of my father and his father before him resides in me.

**Who has been most influential to you throughout your career?**

My students have inspired me more than any single individual.

**To what event, decision, person, characteristic or other do you attribute your success to the most?**

My talents in the classroom have been a gift from my Lord. I am creative, compassionate and full of passion for my discipline.

**What do you love and dislike the most about your job?**

I love my subject and my students. I dislike all the trendy gadgets and redundant restrictions placed on educators.

**If you could do anything professionally, what would it be and why?**

I would like to write a book based on my discipline and be able to contribute to future historians.

**If you had to give a younger person in your field one piece of advice what would it be?**

Shut the door and teach. Don't let the outside "noise" steal your passion, creativity or drive. Don't lose focus on what and why you are here today.

**Define success in one statement.**

Making a life-long impact.

**What cause or purpose are you most motivated to support and why?**

Historical preservation, as I would like future generations to be able to see and visit the events of the past in person. Technology is excellent, but it doesn't replace an actual experience.

**To whom or what do you credit your philanthropic heart?**

Seeing the impact volunteering or donating has on future students motivates me to support my causes.

**If you were given only one sentence or statement to convince others of the importance of giving to others what would you say?**

The Lord tells us to support those who need help. For no other reason we should help and support those who are struggling.

**What cause do you feel deserves more attention nationally?**

Not testing American History on the national level has practically removed it from our elementary classrooms and has deemphasized it throughout our school systems. Not knowing what makes us American or understanding our shared journey robs our citizens of their national identity.

**If you could volunteer full time, what would you do?**

I would be a volunteer at Gettysburg National Military Park. I would pour my passion into all who visited and turn them on to the story of America.

**What style or outfit do you feel most accurately portrays your personality?**

Relaxed and functional

**Name one stylish trend from your childhood that you would bring back to “in style” if you could?**

Tapered legs on blue jeans

**What look do you wish you could wear more often?**

Sport coat, relaxed shirt and jeans.

**Do you have a signature look?**

At work I am usually dressed in some school spirited supportive colors, at play I usually wear dress shoes, jeans and alter my top based on the season.

**Give an example of you stepping outside your comfort zone with regards to your appearance and/or attire?**

Wearing bright colors, untucking my shirt would all take some getting used to.

**What do you normally wear to work?**

I usually wear relaxed dress pants and either a dress shirt or a quarter zip sweater. I deliberately wear a tie on certain days and can be found in a school spirited t-shirt supporting a team, student or holiday on others.

**Is there a color you prefer to wear and why?**

I love blue. It is my favorite color and feel comfortable in all shades.

**Do you have a favorite brand of clothing?**

I have been wearing a lot of clothes from ..... lately.

**When was the last time you had a wardrobe update – Career and Casual?**

A wardrobe update is long overdue. I usually slowly change with the times. My “clients” are at the cutting edge of fashion and it is best that I don’t even attempt to follow their lead.

**Most impactful words ever said to you and who said them?**

” You are the reason I became who I am.” This has been said by numerous students and it never fails to affect me.

**Someday, looking back on your life, what had to have happened for you to feel proud and fulfilled?**

I am so proud that I have become an educator, husband and father. I know that I have already made a life-long impact on numerous people. I thank God that I have been given a calling in education so that my impact can be deliberate, immediate yet last a lifetime.

**Favorite Quote**

“Let’s Roll” Todd Beamer Sept 11, 2001.

**If you were to share one life lesson to our youth what would it be and why?**

Find yourself and become the best version you can be. Don’t become something you are not or someone you are not. Believe in yourself and make sure you realize the amazing gifts you’ve been given and share those with the world!

**If you could change one thing about yourself or your life what would it be?**

I wish I wasn’t so attached to my book collection so that my house had less of a library look. If I were my wife I would have said “enough” a long time ago.

**What do you consider your greatest personal accomplishment and why?**

Accepting Christ as my savior is my greatest personal accomplishment. Next to that finding my wife Pam and being blessed to father Peyton Kennedy Ferraro have been close to my heart. I have been recognized and awarded for my accomplishments at my work but interacting with our community’s youth and sharing their hopes, dreams, and frustrations has been a blessing and fulfilling accomplishment.