

Alumni Spotlight - Richard Bomar



and materials management, and quality. He serves on the Memphis Chamber of Commerce Board of Governors, holds a U.S. patent, and has been published in *Communications Technology* magazine. Before his position at Flex, Richard led product design at Thomas & Betts Corporation, and prior to that he was a well intervention engineer for Schlumberger Oilfield Service.

His college studies prepared him for his career responsibilities, he receiving a BA in Mechanical Engineering from Mississippi State University and a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Memphis. GSD teachers also had an important impact in his preparation for his successful career. Bomar states, "The most inspirational and influential teachers in my life included Eddie Anderson (physics), Rena Dantone (English), Nez Watson (social studies), Mike Liberto (science), and so many more that prepared me for college and beyond."

Extensive travel has also broadened his viewpoint with extensive journeys in the US and abroad. In addition to his travels, Richard also describes other interesting life experiences including working abroad in Mexico, participating in mission trips in Argentina, and serving as a Scout Master for Troop 33, a new troop for diverse youth in the Berclair area of Memphis.

Richard defined his involvement in his activities and education as preparing him for his present work, "There are so many different people and organizations

in Grenada that helped shape me. Currently, I lead a large organization that is striving to be the best in the world at what we do. My experiences in band and baseball were most influential."

He details the skills that he learned in band that influenced his life, "The GHS band has been one of the best marching bands in the country for a long time, and it was so before I joined. There was a culture of excellence that oozed from David Daigneault and the rest of the staff. Also, upper classmen like Shane Johnston and Calvin Dumas were completely bought in. I was attracted to that culture. I learned valuable leadership and organizational skills as a section leader that I use every day at work. Being a part of a Charger Band that was always the top in the southeast and earned 13th in the country was invaluable in understanding what it takes to drive a culture of excellence in a large organization."

Baseball also played a part in Bomar's influential experiences. "I had a very special experience as part of the GHS baseball team as well. The same culture of excellence was not established in the baseball organization as it was in band. John Craven, Randy Blaylock, and Tim Dowdy joined forces my junior and senior year with a very special group of young men who were determined to win state. We had two of the best seasons in Charger history and fell just short of our goal by placing 5th in the state overall at the end of the season. I remember Coach Craven telling us, after it was all said and

done, that we exceeded his expectations. He said we beat many teams with more talent, better ballparks, larger schools, and bigger winning legacies. He told us that we just out worked them all. We practiced more than anyone in the state and had the most efficient practices."

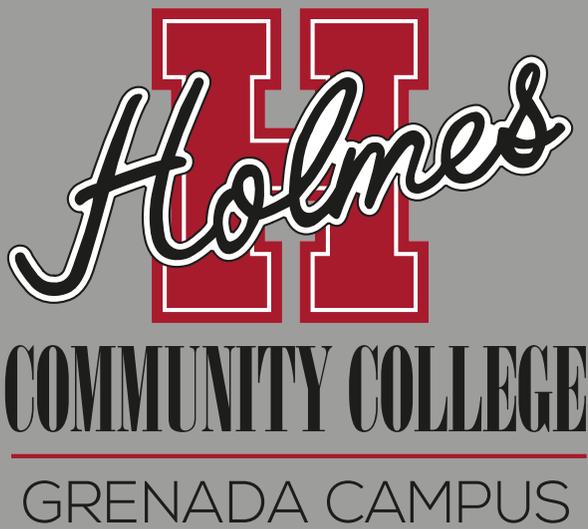
He vividly describes the impact of the team's cooperative endeavor upon his career. "...we gelled as a team from the top to the bottom of our lineup. That gave us our edge. That way of thinking still gives me an edge today."

Richard humorously describes lessons from his childhood in Grenada by suggesting: "There's a time and place for fireworks", "Don't skate on thin ice", and "Hay burns really fast". On a more serious note, he states the importance of his childhood friends, "It's hard to beat the friendships you make when you're growing up in Grenada."

He offers suggestions to Grenada students derived from his life experiences of education, career, and travels by saying, "Work hard. Play hard. It works no matter what stage of life you're in."

Bomar reminisces about his high school days with quotes from some of his GSD teachers. "Practice doesn't make perfect. Perfect practice makes Perfect", John Craven; "Nice Intelligent People", Eddie Anderson; and "One More Time!", David Daigneault.

"Thank you to all my teachers!" says Bomar. "And thanks to Nancy Bomar and the late John Bomar for being great parents and teaching me the most!"



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