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NHS Alumni Foundation would like to feature you on our Alumni Spotlight page on the group's website.

We thought it would be interesting for fellow alumni to know more about you, and also to offer inspiration to some of the more recent graduates from NHS.

Below are the 'interview' questions we will include, along with a few pictures. Possibly you have a couple you can email back for us to add. Feel free to visit the website to see other featured NHS Alumni at: <a href="http://northlandhigh.com/alumni-connect/alumni-features/">http://northlandhigh.com/alumni-connect/alumni-features/</a>

## Northland High School Alumni Foundation

## NHSAF Valhalla Newsletter ~ Spotlight Questions

- 1. Who was your favorite teacher, class, event at NHS?
- Teacher-
- Mr McGhee & Mr G . Lakeman
- My favorite class –
- English & Math

Event -

- As A Freshman, The Pep Rally's And Excitement Throughout The Year From Our Sport's Teams
  Doing Very Well In Every Sport. Getting Out Of School Half A Day Celebrating Northland Vikings
  Success.
- 2. Tell about your most memorable moment(s) at Northland High School.
- 3. I Felt Like All My Teachers Cared About Me And My Future, But Mr Art Signore And Mr Alvin Simpson Really Showed Me I Wasn't Just Some Student Or Another Number. Both Genuinely Had Love For Me And Wanted To Help Me Developed As A Young Man That Had Potential To Do Anything I Wanted To Do And Be Great At It.
- 4. What was your family expectation of you?
  No Expectations, Just Be Kind To Others, Be A Good Person And Learn/Take In Everything You Can And Graduate.
- 5. How did your Northland experience help in your life/career? I Wanted To Go To School Everyday. Playing Sports Gave Me A Outlet From My Neighborhood On How To Compete, Being Competetive And What It Meant to Be Apart Of A Team. You Had To Keep Your Grades At A

Certain Level In Order To Play Sports. The Lifelong Friends I Have And Made From Those High School Years Was Very Important To Me And My Development As A Person And As A Man.

6. Transferring to Whitehall HS, what prompted this move and tell us about how it catapulted your football career.

My Three Years At Northland (1982-84) Prepared And Open The Door For Me When I Transferred To Whitehall Yearling High School. I Wanted To Go To College And Continue My Education And Play Basketball, But My Family Couldn't Afford College With A Family Of 7. I Was Playing Basketball With Some Guys From Whitehall And They Asked Did I Play Football And I Said I Never Played Before (Must Have Seen My Size, Quickness, Speed And Overall Awareness On The Court). I Went Home And Talked To My Parents And Asked Them What Did They Think About Me Playing football Knowing I've Never Played Before. I Went And Told My New Friends I'll Give It A Shot. What Position Should I Try Out For?! Hmmmm Tony Dorsett Was My Football Idol Growing Up(No Brainer) Runningback It Is. I Started Every Game At Runningback Going 12-0 To The State Championship Game Only To Lose To Steubenville Big Red 12-9. My College Coach Mr Wally Hood Offer Me A Scholarship To Div II Fairmont State University In Fairmont Wva After His Son Jay Hood Whom Was At Ohio Wesleyan At The time Told His Dad He Needed To Recruit Me. At Fairmont St I Red-Shirted My Freshman Year, But Got The Opportunity In Spring Ball To Compete For The Starting Job. I Became A 4 Year Starter, Captain, All American, National Player Of The Week, School's All time Leading Rusher For 18 Yrs, 49 Touchdowns And Inducted Into Fairmont State Athaletic Hall Of Fame @

That Led Me To An Opportunity To Sign As A Free Agent And Make The Team With The New England Patriots 1 Yr And Detroit Lions for 2 Yrs Backing Up Barry Sanders. If I Can Do It, Anybody Who Works Hard, Discipline, Sacrifice And Keep Pushing, Grinding Get Better, Can Do/Achieve Anything He Or She Wants.

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Fairmont State University
New England Patriots
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