

# **BRANDON BOEHMAN**

## A Simple Man Makes Big Differences in his Students: Brandon Lives the Life

Graduate: Class of 1998    Occupation: Teacher, Varsity Basketball Coach  
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“Your career will become your life. Find something you love to do, and find a way to do it,” philosophizes Forest Park graduate Brandon Boehman. By becoming a teacher and coach, he reached his aspiration. Forest Park's tradition of excellence helped him achieve that dream.

Many Forest Park graduates celebrate the school's tradition of excellence in various fields of their professions. Deciding your career may be difficult for some, but not for Brandon Boehman. He knew what he wanted to do for his life-long career long before entering college. Fulfilled and passionate, Brandon felt satisfied with his future occupation.

Daily, he experiences these emotions in his vocation. Feeling this when in front of a classroom or in the middle of a basketball team huddle, Brandon inspires me to someday pursue this similar career.

While at Forest Park, Brandon not only excelled in academics, but in athletics as well; he played basketball and baseball for the Rangers all four years of high school. His coaches named him Basketball MVP 1998 and Baseball MVP 1996. During his last year in high school, the new class system in sports came into effect. Changing from the traditional one class system, the Indiana High School Athletic Association divided participating school into four classes based upon school enrollment. Changes in the system brought the Rangers into a class where they no longer played Jasper in the sectional. Resulting in a drop in attendance at sectional, Brandon saw this change from his junior to senior years of high school at the basketball sectional. However, he realized whether the stands filled or if only parents attended the game, the game itself did not change. In his senior year he set the single season record for the most basketball three point field goals in school history (70). Currently, he ranks tenth in Forest Park's all-time career-scoring list.

After high school, Brandon attended Indiana State University earning his bachelor of science in secondary social studies education. Relying on educational experiences from FPHS, he transitioned easily into college academics. As a result of the great education received in high school and college, Brandon had little problem finding a teaching position.

Currently teaching at Alexander High School in Douglasville, Georgia, Brandon teaches freshman government and coaches the girl's basketball team. To prepare students for the challenges of life and to provide a well-rounded education, he fulfills his daily mission. Brandon values the relationships with his students and players.

Living in a small community as a child and now residing in Atlanta, Georgia, Brandon admits life is different in the city. Going from a 30-mile-per-hour speed limit on Vienna Drive - to eight lanes in downtown Atlanta - Brandon sees the greener grass in both lifestyles. He feels both influences of life have made him a better teacher and person.

During his free time, Brandon enjoys mountain biking and watching the Atlanta Braves play on Turner Field. Involved in various high schools since graduating from Indiana State University, Brandon remembers his high school years by reminding Forest Park students to “Enjoy Forest Park! Forest Park is as good as it gets.”