



# Our Students, Our Legacy

SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## RUBY LEE '09

▶ *video from California*



I am co-founder and chief technology officer at Juni Learning, an on-line academy specializing in computer science for kids ages 5–18. Previously, I was an early-stage startup investor

at Kleiner Perkins and a product manager at Google, where I helped launch Google Fi. I hold an M.S. in computer science and a B.S. in bioengineering from Stanford University.

I reside in San Francisco, where I spend time with friends trying new restaurants and practicing strength training.

## JIM HEALD '89



Not to be mistaken for my twin brother and best friend, John (who is five minutes younger than me), I consider myself blessed to be part of this wonderful alumni family.

I am an alumnus of Assumption College '93 and Mt. Ida College '95, where I earned my degree in mortuary sciences.

I've always wanted to be a funeral director. It's my vocation and has connected me with wonderful families and individuals who have impacted my life. John and I

established a successful business in town (2010–2017) and undoubtedly changed the manner in which people approached death and funerals. My teachers influenced my ability to craft someone's life story (obituary). I've loved being a part of the community and, hopefully, in small ways, I've made Shrewsbury an even better place to live.

In 2019, I ran my 13th and last Boston Marathon. In my spare time, I love exploring city life, traveling, and spending time with sand in my toes and sun on my face.

## DAVID CHAPIN '02

I'm a graduate of Quinsigamond Community College, and Nichols College. My passions include traveling to new destinations, photography, playing basketball, writing, and helping others.



At SHS, I was fortunate to have met people like Dr. Gutekanst, P.J. O'Connell, and other school leaders who enriched my experience as a new resident of Shrewsbury.

I believe most people need assistance sifting through the noise in order to take a balanced and informed approach toward their futures and goals. We are flooded with news, social media, and other flashing lights daily. Several

years ago while listening to a podcast on investments, I was introduced to an exercise by the host who asked his daughter three questions:

1. What are you good at?
2. What do you love to do?
3. What does the world need you to do?

He advised her to recall the answers to these questions when making future decisions. I had a similar conversation with my younger sister when she considered switching majors.

When I think back to my time in high school and college, I believe conversations like this would have helped me focus on things that truly matter, rather than simply seeking a career that pays well.

#### **SARAH HOPKINS, M.S., '10**



I am an alumna of Elon University (B.A. in Psychology 2014). I am entering my third year as a graduate student in the Clinical Psychology Ph.D. program at Suffolk

University. I live in Cambridge with my partner, Michael, who is a fellow Shrewsbury graduate (yes, we met here)! I am happiest when spending quality time with family and friends, usually cooking or being outdoors. I love running along the Charles after work and doing crossword puzzles.

In addition to being a student, I am a clinician (in training), a researcher, and a teacher. I am completing my clinical training at Boston University's Center for Anxiety and Related Disorders (CARD). I conduct research on how relational variables and group processes impact social and emotional adjustment outcomes in youth and college students.

I also teach general psychology at the undergraduate level. (Any tips are welcome; this is my first semester!)

#### **VINAY MALIAKAL '12**

I am an alumnus of the University of Connecticut Honors College ('15), where I graduated *summa cum laude* with a B.S. in molecular and cell biology with a concentration in creative writing



I am currently a fourth-year medical student at the University of Massachusetts Medical School and will be applying for an Internal Medicine residency this year.

I reside in Worcester, where I enjoy spending time with friends and family, traveling, writing fiction and poetry, running, snowboarding, and photography.

#### **HANNAH HOPKINS '14**

I am a 2018 graduate of UMass Amherst's Commonwealth Honors College. As a consultant at Deloitte in the Risk & Financial Advisory Practice, I help businesses identify and control risks associated with IT.



Outside of work, you can find me creating art pieces, spending time with my family and friends, cooking, and focusing on my wellbeing. I love to run (although I am not sure how good I am at it), hike, take yoga classes, and practice mindfulness/meditation. Since I was little, I have always felt a deep connection to nature and the outdoors and am an advocate for environmental conservation and sustainability—both personally and professionally.

## MICHAEL WEST '15



I am a recent graduate of the UMass Lowell's Manning School of Business class of 2019. I just completed my second summer internship at Grant Thornton LLP as an audit intern

and plan to enter UMass Lowell this fall to earn my MBA.

When I am not in the classroom, I often enjoy playing basketball and baseball, watching Marvel movies, and spending time on Cape Cod with my family. I am so thankful for all the wonderful opportunities the Shrewsbury public school's have given me and look forward to watching the younger generations grow and flourish!

## T.J. MORGERA '20 & JACK FOLEY '20



[Thomas Morgera]. Most know me as T.J. My family includes my parents, Lisa and Michael, and my brothers Drew, 24, and Ryan, 21. I play football in the fall and baseball in the

spring, as well as Legion baseball during the summer.

Outside of sports, I spend time with my family and friends going to the beach, and play a variety of other sports.

My family and friends are very important to me. I am excited for the future, which includes college in the fall.

[Jack Foley] I live with my mother and sister, who is a member of the Class of 2022. I play on the football and baseball teams and enjoy playing golf, going to the Cape, and spending time with friends and family. I plan to attend college next fall.

## SOPHIA PENG '20



I am a senior and the president of the SHS speech and debate team, and a member of the Student Advisory Committee. My favorite subject is biology — I could watch nature documentaries all day — and I am passionate about healthcare and education. I volunteer with Reliant Medical Group and work as a camp instructor at Lumos Debate.

In my spare time, I enjoy dancing, baking, and curling up to a good audiobook with my cat, Rocky. He will be missed when I am off to college next year.

I am so thankful to the Shrewsbury Public Schools for raising me from first grade to where I am now, and I look forward to higher education and beyond!

## ANTHONY QUALEY '02

Shortly after graduation, I pursued my passion for driving trucks. My employer at the time, sponsored me for a class A commercial driver's license.



Up until the fall of 2018, I drove tractor trailers, moving anything from small construction equipment to oversized heavy loads from New England down to Florida. During this time, I became a father to a baby boy, Anthony Jr., who made me want to be home more than once a week or so. I had been given the opportunity to take the full-time position with the Shrewsbury Parks Department and couldn't be happier.

My other interests include going

away to Maine and New Hampshire on weekends, fishing, hunting, and, most importantly, spending time with my beloved family. I couldn't be any more thrilled to have the career I have now, which gives me the opportunity to be home within reasonable hours.

### JESSICA PENG '20



I have been in Shrewsbury Public Schools for my entire education (except for kindergarten), and I am excited to apply to a four-year undergraduate college this year, where I plan on majoring in psychology, with the goal of entering the field of forensic psychology/criminal justice.

My main extracurricular commitment is to the SHS Speech and Debate team, where I will be serving as speech captain this school year. I love competing locally and nationally with the team, and I can often be found coaching middle school speech and our high school speech novices.

At SHS, I am also a peer tutor, part of the Student Wellness Ambassador Team, and an actress in the annual SHS spring musical.

Outside of school, I play guitar and ukulele, listen to a lot of audiobooks, and enjoy the company of my two cats, Rocky and Rubble. My family includes my parents, my older brother Richard (an SHS alumnus), and my twin sister Sophia, are my biggest supporters in everything I do. I look forward to a great 2019–2020 school year.

### JOHN WEST '20

Next year, I will be attending Boston College on scholarship and will be a part of the Eagles' Division I baseball program



I am the son of Nancy and Ken West and the brother of Michael West '15 and have lived in Shrewsbury my whole life. This upcoming season will be my fourth year playing both baseball and basketball for SHS. Outside of school, I play for the Shrewsbury Legion baseball team. In my spare time, I enjoy being a member of the Unified Basketball team at SHS, going to the beach with family and friends, and playing guitar. I am very excited for this upcoming school year and looking forward to what the future holds at Boston College.

### MARLIE ATLABACHEW '18

📺 *video from UMass Amherst*

I am a sophomore at UMass Amherst, double majoring in graphic design and marketing. I am proud to call Shrewsbury home. I enjoy Olympic weightlifting, CrossFit, cooking, and spending time with my family.



Recently, I started my own blog, which serves as an outlet for me to express my thoughts and share information with others about things I wished I knew going into college, especially as a woman of color. It allows me to be vulnerable and open with the people around me (cue Brene Brown). I look forward to growing more and following the path I've created for myself.



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