

Alumni Spotlight

Featuring Don Walczak



Don Walczak, 67, of Greensburg, attended Westmoreland County Community College from 1975-1977 and is our featured alumnus.

So what made Walczak decide to attend Westmoreland after high school?

“I wanted to attend college because I wanted to learn something. I decided to study Liberal Arts because I desired a broad base to build upon in my education,” says Walczak.

During his time at the college, he looks back at summer as his favorite time of year.

“Summer Math was great because it was a very small group, maybe 3 or 4 of us, and it was an advanced math class. We often enjoyed lunch together, instructor included, with a few beverages that made the second part of class after lunch fun. I learned a lot and had great companions for that season.”

He also enjoyed having classes with his favorite instructor, Marilyn Georgio - Poole.

"Marilyn was very knowledgeable in literature and opened up new vistas of learning. She taught well!" says Walczak.

The college prepared Walczak for his current career by laying down a good educational foundation.

"After graduation, I was employed full-time at UPS for more than 42 years as a delivery driver—what a great experience," he said. "During that time, I finished my undergrad at St. Vincent College, again in Liberal Arts, and then onward to St. Vincent Seminary with a degree in Theology.

"During that time, I became an ordained minister and was active in a pastoral role, among many other avenues of ministry, all while employed at UPS. I retired from UPS in 2019, and two weeks later, I accepted a full-time pastoral position at Cornerstone Ministries as the 'Recovery/Caring Pastor,' which I currently hold," says Walczak.

Last summer, he began his doctoral studies at Liberty University in VA, majoring in Biblical Studies.

Walczak states that he is currently halfway to his goal in these studies and is pursuing that degree to become better educated and equipped to address the challenges of his role as a pastor.

When Walczak isn't working or studying, you can find him spending time with his wife, Mary Ann, golfing, or at the beach.

His advice to current college students?

"Study hard and learn all that you possibly can!"