

Alumni Spotlight featuring Adam Goldinger



Adam Goldinger, 29, of Mechanicsburg, attended Westmoreland County Community College from 2015 to 2017 and is our featured alumnus.

As a senior in high school, Goldinger found himself uncertain about where he wanted to continue his education. With several colleges in mind and guidance from his family, he ultimately chose to begin his college journey at Westmoreland County Community College before transferring to a university.

“As a senior in high school I struggled with where I wanted to go. I had a few colleges in mind. After some discussion with my family, I decided that attending

WCCC for the first two years and then transferring to a university was the right thing to do. It was the best decision I made!"

While at Westmoreland, Goldinger studied Early Childhood Education and was actively involved on the golf team. He credits the college experience, along with the relationships he built, as some of his fondest memories.

"Enjoying the college experience, meeting my classmates, and preparing for my career" stand out as highlights of his time at WCCC.

Goldinger also speaks highly of his instructors, especially Nancy Rustic, who played an important role in his academic journey.

"Nancy Rustic was my favorite instructor, as she helped and encouraged me throughout my core classes."

After graduating from Westmoreland in 2017, Goldinger transferred to Clarion University to continue pursuing his degree in Early Childhood Education, graduating in 2019. He began his career as a building substitute in the Kiski School District, where he worked for a year and a half. In 2021, he was hired as a third-grade teacher at the Cumberland Valley School District in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, where he continues to make an impact today.

Goldinger credits his coursework and classroom observations at Westmoreland for preparing him for his career.

"My classes and observations at Westmoreland helped me get firsthand experience of what being in a classroom looks like and how to prepare to teach in one."

Education runs in Goldinger's family—his sister is also a WCCC graduate, and his mother currently works at the college, further strengthening his connection to Westmoreland.

Outside of the classroom, Goldinger enjoys playing golf, pickleball and basketball, as well as video games and watching movies. He remains active in his community through involvement with Harrisburg Young Professionals and volunteering with Shop with a Cop.

When asked what advice he would give to current college students, Goldinger encourages them to embrace the journey.

"Don't feel pressured to have everything figured out right away. Use your time as a student to explore, ask questions, and build relationships. The skills and connections you develop will help you in your career."