# A L U M N I Patrick Aspland '91 Spotlight

#### What was your college and career path?

I graduated in 1995 from the United States Military Academy and was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in the U.S. Army. After completing Airborne and Ranger School I spent my military career leading soldiers from the platoon through Brigade levels. I spent my career commanding Air Assault, Stryker, Cavalry and Basic Training units. I was stationed in Hawaii three times, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, Fort Polk, Louisiana, Fort Jackson, South Carolina and the Pentagon two times. I deployed to Afghanistan twice and Iraq once. I was able to complete two master's degree programs while in the Army and I retired in August 2021. I now work for the Intel Corporation as a Director in the Defense and National Security Group.

# What is your greatest professional accomplishment?

Achieving the rank of Colonel and commanding the 165th Infantry Brigade.

#### What do you like to do outside of work/school?

I spend most of my free time with my wife Holli and two daughters Mackenzie and Caprice. We live in Northern Virginia just south of Washington D.C. so there is plenty to see and do.

### What activities/sports did you participate in while at Fort Ann Central School?

I played Varsity Soccer and Basketball. I was also an Eagle Scout, part of the band, in the National Honor Society, and class president.

## What is your fondest memory of your time at Fort Ann Central School?

My fondest memories are of the outstanding achievements and winning spirit of the soccer team as well as the great classmates and faculty during my time at Fort Ann Central Schools.



#### **Advice from Patrick**

"Big achievements are never easy, your impact comes from how you treat people, wisdom comes from experience and always conduct yourself with integrity."