

# ALUMNI Spotlight

Patrick Barber '06



## What was your college and career path?

After graduating from FACS, I studied civil engineering at Tufts University. I then worked for a construction company in Massachusetts before working in the transportation industry for a railroad and an engineering company. After a few years, I realized that I wanted to transition away from being an engineer, so I went back to school to get a masters of business administration from the Yale School of Management. I wanted to focus more on the public sector, so I began work at a consulting company in Washington, DC that helps government entities solve a variety of problems. I worked with a number of entities at the local, state, and federal levels, such as Cook County, Illinois (Chicago); New York State; the Massachusetts Department of Transportation; the Government of Puerto Rico; the Veterans Administration; and the Federal Aviation Administration. Recently, I began working for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), work-

ing to pursue funding for critical infrastructure projects via the recently-passed Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

## What is your greatest professional accomplishment?

In the wake of Hurricane Maria, which devastated Puerto Rico, I helped develop a plan to attract new businesses and investment to the island, as well as start a new non-profit to implement the plan. It was a challenge to balance immediate needs across an island that had experienced such devastation, to its critical infrastructure with longer-term economic needs that had been plaguing the island for over a decade. I was fortunate to learn a lot while also making an impact at a critical time.

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

During the pandemic, I began baking as a hobby and have really enjoyed it. I primarily make sugar cookies with fun designs for holidays and other special occasions.

I also enjoy drawing, reading, and taking road trips, and am training for a half marathon later this year.

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

Soccer, Baseball, Academic Bowl, National Honor Society, Math League

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

Although there are many fond memories to choose from, I would say my fondest is either being part of the Class of 2006's multi-year wins at Brains and Brawn, or our Academic Bowl trips to National Competitions in Washington DC and Chicago.

## Advice from Patrick

*"Never stop learning and always work to make your community a better place. It's important to do your part to care for your neighbors and leave things better than you found them."*