

Daniel Lampl '10 - TFS Athletics Legend Hall of Honor 2018

Danie Lampl, from Atlanta, GA began at Tallulah Falls School as a junior in 2005 in order to receive a better education. He was on the Dean's List, earned the MVP for basketball his senior season, and led his team to two consecutive state playoff appearances: first round in 2006 and Sweet 16 in 2007. The Indians were Region Runner-Up both years. Daniel was team MVP his senior season.

Daniel went on to play basketball four years for the Piedmont College Lions where he made the All-Freshman Team and All-Academic Team (all 4 years). His prowess and team first attitude earned him the MVP Award his senior season.

After graduating Magna Cum Laude from Piedmont College with a Bachelor's in General Business in 2011, he continued his education at Piedmont College with a Master of Business Administration (MBA), graduating Summa Cum Laude. While in graduate school, Daniel coached two years with the Lady Lions Basketball team as an Assistant Coach, impacting the program with insight and inspiration.

Coach Lampl started his own basketball company called DL Impact that he conducted for three years before moving to Pennsylvania. During his three year tenure for Mansfield Oil, Lampl was one of only ten company employees chosen for their Mentee Program, a senior executive shadowing opportunity meant to provide higher level business management.

Presently, Daniel assists the fuel program as a member of Waste Management's Energy Team. He recently transferred to Cumming, GA. His desire is to start his own consulting company that helps businesses reduce energy spending while saving money.

Daniel's fond memories at TFS include the boarding experience that forged a family environment as well as traveling with the team because it provided bonding opportunities. For him, boarding at TFS provided a structured and disciplined environment for both a unifying bond as well as independence; he still uses that combination today in the business world.

Asked what being inducted into the TFS Athletic Legends Hall of Honor meant to him, Daniel replied, “Even when I was in high school I wanted to push myself to be the best basketball player/student/friend that I could be. Being recognized for this award is a great honor and makes me want to continue to push myself to be the best person/employee I can be.”

“A quote that has always stuck with me since middle school was ‘An All-American digs until he’s dead tired and still finds a way to dig a little deeper.’ This quote always reminded me to push myself as far as I could and even when things got hard or I thought I was too “tired” to go any further, I would always try to keep going. Sometimes when you hit that wall it is easiest to just quit, but I have learned in my life and career if you can work harder to get over that wall, the reward is worth the extra work.”

Barry Cook, Daniel’s high school basketball coach exclaimed, “Daniel is more than the definition of the word competitor, which states as ‘a person that competes in an activity.’ He is the competitor on and off the court that is a model for all other TFS student/athletes. His drive and determination are something to be admired.”

Academic Dean and 19 year TFS employee Kim Popham spoke highly of Daniel, “Daniel was a quiet young man who would always help another student and faculty. In game situations, he would provide the spark that the team needed. There were many three pointers that he hit at just the right time of the game. Our family followed Daniel to Piedmont, where we could be found cheering for him and watching him provide that same spark at the college level.”

Coach Neal remembers Daniel as an impactful, behind the scenes, calm yet intense leader whose work ethic was unquestioned, whose dedication to help the team succeed was a glue that strengthened a varied group, whose dreams didn’t stop in high school, nor do they stop today.”

Daniel leaves a legacy of dedicated work, poise, two consecutive state qualifying teams, and using lessons from TFS to contribute significantly to the community in which he works and serves. He remains the glue that binds his sphere of influence with a positive unity, a determined process, and a humble outlook.