

Huntington High School's 150th Commencement

Benjamin Jensen's Introduction of Huntington School Board President Bill Dwyer

Good afternoon. To many of you, Bill Dwyer is the president of the school board who has served for three years. You might also know him for being president and boys' director for Huntington Village Lacrosse or a "coach" if you are one of the boys on a lacrosse team in that organization.

I know Bill in a different light. I know he can ride a unicycle. Bill has been my neighbor my whole life and because of this, I have many fond memories from spending time with him, his wife Karen and his three sons, Brad, Brendan and Ethan.

Bill taught me to ride a bike. He set me on a bike and told me that riding was easy and that I could do it. It may sound like your standard "learn to ride" speech, especially when I add that I was reminded to keep peddling. Yet, I could sense Bill's genuine confidence in me and desire to see me succeed and it worked. I started riding furious circles in the front yard.

I also spent an afternoon in a mud slip-and-slide in his yard when an average hot summer sprinkler day turned extraordinary. Bill introduced me to skateboarding and to Thanksgiving Day football games at the high school.

So, I am grateful for the many good things Bill Dwyer has introduced me to and I am now pleased to introduce Bill Dwyer to you.