

Mentoring success story: Anthony Migliore by Sean O'Rourke (EOC Mentor)

When professors, employers, and peers use words such as “outstanding,” “leader,” and “stellar” to describe an Executives on Campus (EOC) mentee, you have sky-high expectations for your first meeting with the student. It was a pleasant surprise when Anthony Migliore lived up to those expectations.

I met Anthony through where he was most commonly found (outside of class), at an event for one of his numerous Baruch clubs. Immediately, I came to appreciate what I had heard about Anthony from others. The other description that came to mind was genuine. Genuine interest in me and what I do; genuine interest in how he could learn from my experiences; genuine interest in giving back to Baruch and the community at large. Anthony made a lasting impression.

It's been enjoyable getting to know and working with Anthony during the last few years. Our relationship started through EOC, expanded with my participation at a number of Anthony's Baruch events, and solidified itself during a number of morning breakfasts.

It was at those breakfasts that Anthony and I talked about his career opportunities and how to take advantage of his strengths to achieve his goals. While I merely offered up my experiences as examples, Anthony understood that it was entirely on his shoulders to put everything into action.



Anthony Migliore and Sean O'Rourke

Anthony's experience at Baruch spoke to working with people. Anthony built a reputation at Baruch for getting diverse groups of students together for two purposes: learning from those already in the workforce and building a supportive community for Baruch students. I spoke to a number of these groups, and without fail, the students were engaged in learning how to better prepare themselves for life in the “real world.” It was refreshing to engage with young people who had a dedication to making themselves better.

Anthony built himself an impressive network of contacts. *In the realm of getting a job – your first or your last – your network is your most important tool.* Anthony utilized that tool to great effect, getting jobs as a commercial real estate salesperson and now with the property management firm responsible for the Empire State Building. If you're looking for an example of how to utilize your educational experience to your maximum benefit, you'd be hard pressed to find a better one than Anthony.

But here's where Anthony has taken all the advice he's received over the years to heart. Anthony continues to stay in touch with his network. Phone calls, emails, updates; these quick touches keep Anthony top-of-mind with resources who can continue to help him as his career evolves. Anthony is respectful in his updates, and each of them highlight an achievement that ties back to something he shared with his contact(s). It's a great strategy that many of the most successful people practice. It's an invaluable lesson that Anthony shared with his fellow Baruch students.

Anthony is a great success story – for Baruch and any student working to get on the right path. I'm always happy when I get an update (and a little envious considering some of the folks Anthony has met). I'm never shy in singing his praises.

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