Athens City Schools Alumni Spotlight- Steve Byrum

Athens City Schools is proud to spotlight Steve Byrum, a City Park School alumnus who attended ACS from 1953–1961 and went on to build an impressive career in education, leadership development, and consulting.

Steve's fondest memories include friendships formed during his school years, participation in sports and music, camping activities, and the lasting influence of his teachers, especially Joe Buchanan.

After graduating from McMinn County High School, Steve attended the University of Richmond on a football scholarship before completing his undergraduate degree at Tennessee Wesleyan University. He later earned a Master of Divinity degree from Southern Seminary and a master's degree and Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

After 25 years in college and university teaching, Steve became President and CEO of The Byrum Consulting Group and Founding Partner of Judgment Index USA. His work in leadership development and decision-making has reached every U.S. state, Canada, the United Kingdom, and Australia. His many accomplishments include teaching excellence awards, being named Tennessee Wesleyan University's Alumnus of the Year, induction into the McMinn County Sports Hall of Fame, and authoring numerous books and professional publications.

Now residing in Signal Mountain, Tennessee, Steve encourages today's ACS students to follow their curiosity, explore diverse interests, read often, learn about their family and community history, and understand the value of hard work and independence.

Athens City Schools is proud to celebrate Steve Byrum and his lifelong commitment to learning and leadership!