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Growing up in nearby Peter Cooper Village, Epiphany offered me a good Catholic education with familiar faces just a few blocks from home. Now, 20 years later, I realize that my experience there was that and much more: Epiphany offered me a strong foundation and a community of people that will support me throughout my life.

My sister Laura and I both went to Epiphany all the way from Pre-K through 8th grade and, during that time, we made long lasting friendships and memories, learned alongside the best and brightest, and took on the values that would shape us for the rest of our lives.

After graduating from Epiphany, I went on to attend St. Francis Prep & then the University of Dayton, where I was a Political Science major. Upon graduating from college, I immediately jumped into public service through politics. I knew I wanted to give back to the community in which I grew up and was fortunate to get a job as the Chief of Staff to an Assembly Member in Manhattan. I also took the time to get my M.A. in Political Science and to stay involved in local community issues.

Most importantly, I was happy to have the opportunity to work on issues that affected my family, my neighbors, my community, and myself. It's clear that Epiphany instilled these values in me and set me on the course to get where I am today.

I made the decision in early 2016 to run for City Council to represent our neighborhood and give our community a voice in the City's future. I wouldn't be here without the encouragement and support of this community. As I look forward to 2017, I am excited to work on behalf of the friends, neighbors, and community at large.

Epiphany taught me that your school community doesn't start or stop when you walk into a classroom or out of a building - it weaves in and out of your life through the people you meet and your shared experiences.

To this day, I still see Epiphany students in their uniforms and know that we share much in common despite being decades apart in age: Mr. Hayes greeting us at the door each day, a number of the same faculty and teachers (even twenty years later), a top-notch Catholic education, and of course, required participation in Sr. Rebecca's spring production each year.

I am forever grateful to the Epiphany School, Mr. Hayes, my classmates, and the faculty for offering me that experience and setting me on course for future success.