

# Welcoming Anderson Horne



Change is happening at SHS! This school year has brought in an amazing new social studies teacher, Anderson Horne.

Horne was born and raised in Houston, Texas. During his childhood, he participated in a wide array of different sports, sung in the school choir, boy scouts, and drama productions. His first job was as a paid soloist in the choir of a Catholic church who couldn't convince its congregants to stand up and sing. During his summers, he worked on a ranch building fences and wrangling cattle.

In August of 1991, Horne left Texas three days after he turned 18 and did an exchange year in Germany. He spoke German well, but soon became fluent.

"Probably the best day during my exchange year was in about February, when another guy working out in the same gym asked me where in Germany I was from, because he couldn't place my accent," remembered Horne.

At the time of his exchange, Horne was attending college. With the dean's permission, he traveled extensively through Europe. During his travels, he skied in Austria, visited family, attended a celebration for Christopher Columbus in Portugal and visited friends in Paris.

"In Paris I met my best friend, Bryce. We are still close 30 years later," said Horne.

"The biggest lesson I learned was that learning languages immediately connects you with a whole new group of people, and the returns never diminish. Listening to their stories, reading their literature and poetry and understanding their music gives you more insight than you can get from all the books you can find. In short, regardless

of beliefs, origins, politics, or economics, we are all water from the same well."

After returning to the US, he attended Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas where he double-majored in International Studies and German. After his sophomore year, he transferred to the University of South Carolina at Columbia, where he double majored in German and Contemporary European Studies. Before graduating, he was awarded a spot at the University of Bonn in Germany to complete his studies and do research for his senior thesis.

Post graduation he joined his father in moving to Saipan in the Northern Mariana Islands where Horne worked as a ballroom dance instructor and fishing guide. While in Saipan, he took the LSAT and received the highest score for 1500 miles in any direction. Three years later he received his J.D. and M.B.A. from Texas Tech University.

"It was absolutely fascinating, the problem solving aspects of the law were exciting

and even fun."

Horne started out in agriculture law, water law, and banking law.

"It was interesting and I knew I was making a difference in the lives of the people with whom I worked."

Later on Horne and his wife moved to South Carolina for her residency and he started a job as a county prosecutor. After four years, he left and joined a law firm working as a trial lawyer. He also explored other areas of law, such as estate planning, elder law, and small business law. After three years at the law firm, he decided to start his own.

"I take pride in the fact that almost all of my clients came with me, including several longtime clients of the firm who left and decided I could help them better."

Horne described what a "day in the life" of a lawyer looks like,

"Each day brings new challenges. You might be in trial or hearings every day for weeks on end. You could be reading thousands of pages of evidence or depositions. You could be meeting with clients and witnesses until the early hours of the morning. The one thing that stayed consistent was that I always knew I was helping people, and was honored to have their trust when confronted with problems they couldn't solve on their own."

After experiencing a growing frustration with practicing law, Horne started teaching back in South Carolina. He coached lacrosse and taught continuing education classes through a local technical

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college. Soon, a local high school, which was considered "a law magnet," offered Horne a position as a law teacher. It was at this time that he closed his practice, distributed all of his cases and clients, and even biked a charity bike ride from Greenville South Carolina to Austin Texas, all in a span of three weeks.

"I view teaching as being the equivalent to an attorney-client relationship. The students, not their parents, school administration, or anyone else, are my clients. They are the ones I am working to serve and they are the ones whose input and cooperation drives the success of the endeavor."

When it comes to interests and hobbies, Horne loves to raft, ski, sail and kayak, as well as travel, cook, read and even spearfish. He picks up accents surprisingly well and does yoga five days a week. Finding much success in his personal life, Horne hopes to share wisdom to each student who steps foot into his room.

"My advice for any student is exactly the same as my only two rules for my classes: be prepared and be respectful (of everyone you encounter... including yourself). Value yourself and your efforts and never beat yourself up or discount your value in this world. Recognize that everyone is on their own path, including you, and that there will be stumbles. We generally learn very little from winning or success."

## Gamache's Favorite Memories

-Staying at the school until almost 4 a.m. putting together The Tenderfoot Times with the then editor, Faith Spino, our first year (hers as editor, mine as advisor!).

-The time Mrs. DeMoss and I performed "What Does the Fox Say" for the talent show (can't believe that wasn't recorded)!

-Playing Scattergories!

-Listening to "Serial", the podcast, and talking about who possibly could have killed Hae.

-Being there when students learn they've been accepted to their chosen college.

-Being there when students realize they haven't been accepted to their chosen college.

-Meditation and therapy sessions during AP Lang last year.

-Everything "The Great Gatsby" during AP Lang last year.

-Making and then giving goodie bags to AP Langers before the big test.

-Publication Parties for The Tenderfoot Times.

-Really... every day in Tenderfoot.

-When a student recently thanked me for renewing their love of reading.

-When Cassidy Gillis and Gwen Ramsey gave me my very own bullet journal and pens!

-Dressing up to perform "Romeo and Juliet"!

-That one time we played sticky sticky block block in advisory.

-Teaching Atticus's speech from "To Kill a Mockingbird".

-When I watched Vander teach a lesson on column writing in Tenderfoot; he inspired us all.

-When Tenderfooties received letters to the editor and realized our community reads The Tenderfoot Times - and our words matter.

-Listening to Scarlett's philosophic and random thoughts for the day.

-TA time with Gwen... cookies and coffee!

-Sitting down to give an interview for Lulu and realizing how awesome a journalist she is... asking all the right questions.

-That time I stalked Makiha's boyfriend... to make sure he's worthy!



TENDERFOOTIES: The Tenderfoot Times staff smile for a photo on advisor Audrey Gamache's last day. The Tenderfoot team will miss Mrs. Gamache dearly but look forward to welcoming new advisor, Lara Richardson.