

Alumni Profile: Mark Baden

Mark Baden performed in two plays and sang in the choir while a student at Metro-East Lutheran High School, and he says these experiences helped him gain confidence in public settings.

This is a skill that has served Mark well. He has been the chief meteorologist at WISN 12 in Milwaukee since 1997 and has earned accolades for his work including the Wisconsin Broadcaster's Association's best weathercast award and a local and regional Emmy for his coverage of flooding in 2008 .

Mark graduated from MELHS in 1988 and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in meteorology from Western Illinois University. He worked in Des Moines, St. Louis Sioux City, Iowa, and Columbia, Missouri, before moving to Milwaukee.

What are you most grateful for from your MELHS experience?

I am most grateful to MELHS for giving me the tools for future success. It was the right environment for me. I had transferred from a very large school, and coming to MELHS was very good for me — smaller class sizes, very attentive teachers, and a caring Christian environment. And I have lifelong friends from MELHS.

How did MELHS help prepare you for college and beyond?

MELHS set the groundwork for me to be a successful student in college and to help guide a “wild child” to make some better choices. I look back at my time at MELHS with great fondness. I appreciated the one-on-one attention that we got from our teachers. They genuinely cared.

"I have so many great memories from MELHS. And so many good friends. We just had a mini reunion in September that was very well attended, and we graduated 33 years ago."

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