

# Alumni Profile: Bernard Bull

Dr. Bernard Bull credits a history class at Metro-East Lutheran High School with helping to ignite in him a passion for educational innovation.

The class was taught by John Shimkus, who worked with a student teacher that year to design a whole new curriculum focused on ancient times.

"It was an amazing class," Dr. Bull said. "More than anything else, I felt like I was part of piloting some new experiment with the class. Mr. Shimkus helped cultivate in me an intellectual curiosity that continues to this day."

Dr. Bull, who graduated from MELHS in 1989, has gone on to make his own mark in educational innovation, serving as president of Goddard College in Vermont before being installed as the 11th president of Concordia University, Nebraska in August.

## ***What are you most grateful for from your MELHS experience?***

I am most grateful for the many amazing teachers and mentors. Every one of my religion teachers played an important role in my faith formation.

## ***What skills do you use now that you began forming at MELHS?***

MELHS was a learning community that provided me with so much, but I'm incredibly grateful for the budding there of a number of intellectual virtues: curiosity, a love of learning, a striving to explore and understand unsolved mysteries and problems, and so much more. Even more fundamental, my love of reading was nurtured during my final years at MELHS.

**"The love of learning and intellectual curiosity exhibited by the teachers at Metro-East Lutheran High School was contagious."**

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