

CLIENT SPOTLIGHT



Meet Rich Lepere!

Rich is a High School Health Teacher in Washingtonville, NY. He and his wife, Jennifer, have been married over 25 years. Raised in Staten Island, Rich comes from a big Italian-American Family and has a fraternal twin brother. Rich goes by many titles; son, brother, husband, teacher, Coach, and the one he is most proud of, is Dad.



In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week coming up, we wanted to Spotlight one of our longest tenured teacher clients. We take a lot of pride in working with educators throughout the ti-state area, and are honored to have built such a great relationship with Rich and Jennifer over the past 14 years! We asked Rich what he loves most about teaching, and he said he "loves making connections with his students and the fact that what he teaches applies to real-life situations".

When he's not at school, you can almost always find him on a baseball field. Rich grew up in Staten Island where he learned how to hit a curveball before he learned his ABC's! Rich went on to go to SUNY Cortland where he met his wife, Jennifer, and they've been together ever since. Jennifer is a teacher as well, and together they have raised two boys who have both grown up to be college athletes.

Much like their father, the Lepere boys took a liking to baseball at a young age. In 2009, Rich founded the Hudson Valley Bulldogs Baseball Program, and has grown it into a youth baseball powerhouse! When asked why he is so passionate about coaching youth baseball, he said "coaching is so much more than the sport, it is teaching young boys to grow into mature men".

Fun fact, one of his former Bulldogs was drafted in the first round of the 2018 MLB draft.

1. What is the one thing you are most proud of?

"I'm very proud of being a dad and building a strong foundation for my two sons. A foundation that has taught them both how to develop independence and how to be productive contributors to society"

2. When did you start the HV Bulldogs Baseball Program and Why are you so passionate about it?

"When my kids were younger they both took a real liking to baseball and since I played and coached my whole life, I decided to start my HV Bulldog Baseball Program... the program has grown to the point where it has become an integral part of my life. Over the years, I have watched players grow and develop not only on the playing field but more importantly, in many other aspects of life"

3. What has your experience been like working with Mike and Christine?

"Mike and Christine are both excellent at what they do. The last couple years I have worked with Mike and I have the utmost confidence and trust in his abilities to help me and my family"

4. What is the most important thing about money/finances to you?

"Being able to have a foundation in place that provides my family with the comfort and security of being taken care of financially"





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