



I have a lot to be thankful for; arguably one of the most important steppingstones in my career and my future started with Big Apple Academy. The curriculum was specifically curated to achieve maximal excellence in learning to better prepare students for their future. Having graduated from Big Apple Academy with four regents examinations completed, I had the advantage in High School. I was admitted to the Law Program at James Madison High School where I was two years ahead in math, one year in science, and one year in history. Getting ahead so soon allowed me to take more Advanced Placement classes which provided me with college credit. I took seven Advanced Placement Courses in High School resulting in a total of 15 accepted credits or about a semester's worth of college.

In my Junior year of High School I interned at an Immigration Law Firm for the summer leading up to my Senior year. After the summer I was employed part-time and worked for the firm for the next three years as a Junior Paralegal. In that time, I was accepted to the Zicklin School of Business Undergraduate Program at Baruch College majoring in Real Estate Business and minoring in Political Science. In June of last year I changed jobs; I am currently working as a Paralegal for a Probate and Trusts and Estate firm. I have also recently completed my Real Estate Salesperson licensing exam and have been sponsored by Keller Williams Realty.

All that I have accomplished so far in my life can be traced back to the foundation that Big Apple Academy set for me. It truly was for me an important step in my road to success. Not only did this school help me in my career and education, it also brought me together with some amazing people. There are friends I have made in this school that will stay with me for the rest of my life. The truly wonderful thing about this school is that over the years I have ran into friends from that time and even though it has been almost seven years we still have something to talk about, to laugh about, and most of all to remember. I will always be grateful. Thank you.

Lawrence Buynitsky Class of 2016