

Michael McGrone, Sr. '01

Academic, Personal and Professional Achievements:

Michael embarked on his educational journey by graduating from Triton College in May 1993. Subsequently, he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Northeastern IL University in 2001. Continuing his academic pursuits, Michael completed his Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Governors State University, achieving a commendable 3.8 GPA. Notably, he made history as the first African American Assistant Principal in Bishop Noll's 88-year history, an esteemed Catholic institution in Hammond, IN.

Driven by a passion for mentorship, Michael established various programs, including Men of Distinction, Ace Tech Ambassador, and Men of Valor. These initiatives have played a pivotal role in students finding success in their endeavors. In 2023, Michael received the prestigious "Dr. Joseph P. Ramsey" award, acknowledging his role as a transitional leader in education. His dedication was further highlighted in 2015 when he was nominated for "Teacher of the Year" by Jesse Jackson of Operation Push. Michael is also the best selling author of a book entitled, "The Twists and Turns of Possibility: My Life is My True Story". This book chronicles his life how he was able to turn tragedy to triumph.

Michael gained national recognition for his transformative impact, being featured on the Rachel Ray show in August 2016 for his efforts in changing the culture at Rich South High School. Beyond accolades, his primary goal is to address the disproportionate number of black and brown students transitioning from school to prison. Michael is committed to collaborating with school districts and those serving children to build infrastructure that caters to the unique needs of these students.

How Triton College has impacted my life:

Triton College has had a profound impact on my life by providing me with a supportive and enriching educational environment that has helped me overcome challenges and achieve my academic goals. The dedicated faculty, diverse student body, and comprehensive resources at Triton have not only expanded my knowledge and skills but have also fostered a sense of community and belonging that has been instrumental in my personal and academic growth.