

There are many positive factors in my life that have helped me through hard times. Amongst these positive factors is a person which gives inspiration to me and keeps my head high. I have many influences in my life but the biggest one is my mentor Bob Memoli. He has helped me academically, socially, and even emotionally if I needed it.

Bob has helped me academically by if he knows the subject well enough he will help me in any way he can. A subject that we both like is history. He is very good at math and I hope that I may be able to excel as much as he does. With his strength in math he is able to help me with any math problem I need help with anytime.

Another way Bob is an inspiration is the ways he helps me socially. Before I met Bob I was a very nervous and shy person. He taught me not to be afraid of anything and just speak. Now I am more confident in front of people. He also encouraged me to go for my school baseball team because he played and he said he would help me with that as well.

The most helpful and inspirational thing Bob has shown me is the way to help people emotionally. About two years ago my mother was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (ms) and Bob has helped me cope with that. Anytime I need to talk to him he is there to make me feel better. He is also there if I get angry and I need to let off some "steam". That has helped me become a better and happier person.

There are many influences in my life but there is one that exceeds in not only helping me but helping others around him and that great person is Bob Memoli.

*Brendan Gorman*