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What Did You Call Me

Autodidact doesn't sound anything like what it means. Actually I am one, and I know several. We don't have a support group because we can fix ourselves. First of all, it is pronounced auto-dye-dakt, and the definition is simply "a self-taught person".

Autodidacticism is the result of human inquisitiveness, the urge to engage with lifelong learning on a discipline or matter you are passionate about and can take place anywhere. It stems from a person's need to acquire more knowledge than other settings (school, family, friends) are capable of providing and can start at any point in a person's life and end (or not) when desired. It is the result of human inquisitiveness, the urge to engage with lifelong learning on a discipline or matter you are passionate about and has no direction other than the one chosen by you. I also like to call it going down the rabbit hole. Some things I have chosen to pursue over the years were not strictly work related.

Studying to become a private pilot lead to my learning about all aspects of flight as well as the aircraft. I seriously thought about taking the aircraft mechanic certification class just to learn more about the workings of an aircraft. More than 40 years ago I was introduced to amateur radio and went on another learning binge to get a total understanding of radio transmitters and receivers as well as all kinds of antennas. It required me to learn the Morse code which took a little longer than I expected to be proficient at but eventually made the 13 words per minute required to pass the General class test. None of these things do I use in my daily life but I also learned Algebra in school against my will and don't use that in my daily life either.

When my chosen area to pursue is work related, I dig pretty deeply for accurate information and books that help me understand. The home energy efficiency topic is more complicated than it seems on the surface. There is so much more to it than meets the eye and each facet takes me in a different direction.

Learning how to teach yourself is important. I can read a technical book and grasp every detail. I can also observe someone doing a task and pick it up. I find it much harder to sit in a chair and have someone talk to me and have what they say stick in my head. I guess that's where the 'auto' in 'autodidact' really comes from. Leave me alone and I'll figure it out.

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Tyler Taylor Awarded The Jonathan P. Antonioli Memorial Scholarship

By Michael Ortoski

PEN ARGYL - The Jonathan P. Antonioli Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00, has been awarded to Pen Argyl High School senior, Tyler Taylor. Applicants were asked to submit an essay on acceptance and inclusivity, two of Jonathan's most admirable traits. The Antonioli family also looked for a recipient who most embodied the hard work ethic and generous spirit for which Jonathan was known.

In addition to academic achievements including First Honor Role and the District XI Wrestling Coaches Association Scholar Athlete award, Mr. Taylor has shown an unwavering commitment to contributing to his community and helping others. He is a Colonial I.U. 20 Peer Mentor, and a Weona Park Board Student Representative. He serves as a volunteer with Toys for Tots, the Green and White Youth Association, the Northampton County Special Olympics, the Lauren's Hope Foundation and Miss Rose's Preschool. Tyler will be attending Kings College in the fall where he plans to major in Education. Tyler stated that his choice to become an educator is based on his desire to provide a positive and inclusive learning environment to his future students. The Antonioli family was honored to present this award in Jonathan's name to Tyler, and wishes him the very best in his future endeavors.



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Head Wrestling Coach For The 2021-22 School Year

By Timothy J. Egan PAHS Athletic Director

PEN ARGYL - The Pen Argyl High School is currently seeking candidates for Head Wrestling Coach for the 2021-22 School year. Candidates should have coaching experience at the high school or collegiate level.

Prior experience and knowledge of running a wrestling program is essential. All up to date background checks and clearances are required. I am attaching the postings for the positions below. Any interested applicants should send a resume and application to Egan.Tim@PenArgylsd.org on or before 7/1/2021.