



Tony R. Tanksley '97

Tony is a 1997 graduate of Averill Park High School. He is currently employed as a real estate agent in Atlanta, Georgia where he resides with his wife LaToya and their two children, Malachi and Olivia.

At Averill Park Tony competed in football for three years and outdoor track & field for two years. In 1996 Tony finished the football season with 1,531 rushing yards. In outdoor track & field Tony was the Section 2 and NYSPHSAA champion in the 100m dash in both 1996 and 1997. He also was the champion at the prestigious 57th annual Eddy Meet. Tony still holds the 100m dash record at Averill Park with a time of 10.82. In 1997 he was a member of the 4x100m relay team that placed third at the NYSPHSAA Championships.

As a high school athlete Tony's career started later than most due to severe asthma. "T-squared" would not be held back and he learned to manage his asthma so that it did not inhibit his athletic performance. One could only imagine what Tony could have accomplished had he been able to compete for all four years of high school.

Tony is now the consummate family man. His passion for football and track & field have been passed on to his two children. He enjoys watching Malachi play football and Olivia run track. Tony is grateful for his children to have these opportunities and for them to be able to enjoy the sports that he excelled in and loved.

