



December 5, 2016

To: Dr. Riggle, Superintendent
Board of Education

Fr: Karen Geddeis

Re: Glenbrook Stories - December 12, 2016

MEMO

During the Glenbrook Stories segment on December 12, we will get to know GBN Alumnus Adam Reed Tucker, and his road to success.

Tucker recently opened a new exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry, called *Brick by Brick*, as part of his self-made career as a LEGO extraordinaire. His authentic story fits the GBN school-wide themes centering on “mindset.” Coming from a person who dubbed himself a misdirected high school student, his professional pursuits exemplify what it means to fail forward, take risks, embrace passions, and grow a resilient mindset.

Tucker’s non-traditional path that led to a passionate career, was shaped in part by a few role models who inspired him while at GBN.

“Ms. Block challenged us to channel our creativity into whatever it was we enjoyed or were good at,” said Tucker. “You have to find your own way.”

Tucker has kept in touch with GBN teachers Lee Block and Jason Berg, and has come back to GBN to share his knowledge, experience, and yes, even a few thousand LEGOs.

“Adam has given our art and engineering classes probably 50,000 LEGOs - in every color and formation - to use to create, dream and build upon our classroom experiences,” said Berg. “On numerous occasions he has visited our school, shared his story, and, no doubt, inspired students with his authenticity.”