

James “JJ” Barroner, Class of 1991

Community Impact Award Winner

James J. (J.J.) Barroner is a lifelong resident of the Hollidaysburg Area School District. J.J. graduated from Hollidaysburg Area High School in 1991 and was the 7th member of his immediate family to graduate from Hollidaysburg. J.J.’s father, Raymond E. Barroner, was a 1950 graduate while his siblings graduated in 1974 (Virginia), 1975 (Raymond L.), 1977 (Theresa), 1979 (Lory), and 1984 (Larry). J.J.’s daughter, Abigail, is a recent 2019 graduate of Hollidaysburg while his son, Rob, is currently in the 8th grade at Hollidaysburg Area Junior High School. Abigail attends Indiana University of PA (IUP) for middle-level math education.

After high school, J.J. attended Saint Francis College where he graduated with his B.S. in Management, concentrated in finance, in 1995. It was at Saint Francis where he would meet his wife, Patricia, originally from Portage, and marry in June 1997. He would later return to Saint Francis University to complete a master’s degree in Business Administration (2003).

J.J. began employment at Small Tube Products in May 1996 and continues to work for the organization today. Most of his career has been in the quality department, but he recently made a transition to the organization’s Director of Sales and Marketing.

In the community, J.J. has been active in several different organizations and roles:

- Prior volunteer (early 1990’s) in the Winterfest celebration under the guidance of Larry Lashinsky and Jay Dell, both prior alumni association award winners
- Prior volunteer for the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, supporting both his mother and sister who had battled various forms of cancer
- Active board member for the Small Tube Products’ Employees Federal Credit Union for the past 15+ years
- Active church council member at Duncansville Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Active secretary and board member of the Hollidaysburg Area Alumni Association, helping to re-establish the organization during the past few years
- Active executive board member of the Hollidaysburg Arts and Music Parents Association (HAMPA) having served as both a Vice-President and President over the past several years
- Active member of the school district’s “Restore the Roar” committee representing HAMPA
- Recently elected as committee B05 secretary for the ASTM International committee on copper and copper alloy materials. In April 2019, J.J. was awarded the Arthur Cohen Distinguished Service Award from ASTM International Committee B05 in recognition of outstanding service to the committee through years of consistently relevant technical input and leadership in the development and maintenance of copper and copper alloy tube and pipe standards

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