

MICHAEL SCHOEN



Mike Schoen may not be a Duchesne alum but that doesn't stop him from bleeding Pioneer Blue!

Originally from North County, Mike graduated from Hazelwood Central/North County Tech in 1985. Shortly after graduating, Mike went to work at McDonnell Douglas, now Boeing, where he is currently lead painter in paint operations for Boeing's newest commercial jetliner, the 777X.

Mike moved to St. Charles in his early 20s and met his wife, Deb, shortly after. Deb and Mike have been married for

23 years. They have one son, Michael, who graduated from Duchesne last year. Michael played football for four years, track for two years, and was a student manager for the varsity basketball team for four years. Michael now attends Southeast Missouri State University.

It was Michael's involvement in sports that got Mike started in photographing sports and events at Duchesne. Wanting to get better pictures of Michael prompted Mike to invest in classes, training, and more camera gear than he wants to admit to owning. One of Mike's proudest moments in Michael's time at Duchesne was last year's musical *Do Black Patent Shoes Really Reflect Up?* in which Michael was one of the leads.

Mike is happy to be able to continue to help showcase the hard work and talent of the students at Duchesne. He was nominated for the Philippine Duchesne Service Award by our students. And, as the students said on Mike's nomination form, "It's as if our administration has hired our very own professional photographer for our school! We could never thank Mr. Schoen enough for sharing his time and talent with all of us, our families, and our fans."

Mike says he feels very fortunate to capture so many moments and looks forward to capturing many more. He is thankful to the senior athletes for nominating him and is honored and proud to receive the St. Rose Philippine Duchesne Service Award this year!

Having our own "resident photographer" is a definite win for DHS!