



STUDENT/ALUMNI MEET DAN

Back in 1989, Dan Dingus was just out of high school when he first stepped onto CCAC's Allegheny Campus. He recalls that first day as if it happened yesterday. *"I remember heading home on that very hot summer afternoon after my last class of the day had finished. I remember the nervousness had gone and excitement had taken over as I truly began to realize I was embarking on the start of my college career and the rest of my life."*

It was a journey he relished. Successfully managing his coursework while working full-time, Dan majored in finance at CCAC, earning enough credits to transfer as a junior to Duquesne University where he went on to earn his Bachelor of Science in Economics and Master of Business Administration in Finance.

Now nearly 25 years later, Dan is the president of Fragasso Financial Advisors, one of the top independent financial advising firms in the country where he oversees the development and implementation of the firm's strategic goals and direction. Certified as an accredited investment fiduciary, Dan was first awarded a Five Star Wealth Manager by *Pittsburgh Magazine* in 2013, a distinction he has held for several years running.



A native of Pittsburgh's Beechview neighborhood, Dan's city roots run deep. Nowadays one can often find him stepping out to play a round of golf with friends or working on his latest DIY project at the historic South Side home he shares with his partner, Samantha, and their loveable rescued coonhound, Ron. Deeply connected to his hometown, Dan is passionate about giving back to the community through the many charitable causes he supports as well as by serving on the boards of various nonprofit organizations, including the Veterans Leadership Program of Western Pennsylvania and the Pittsburgh Society of Investment Professionals.

Looking back on his time spent at CCAC, Dan values the education he received at the college. *"Not only did CCAC enable me to further my education, CCAC provided an environment that encouraged me to learn and grow in ways that have benefitted me to this day. I have spent decades in investment management, and CCAC stands as one of the best investment decisions I have ever made."*