



Mike Florak

Mike became involved with Brightway Center in 2011 as a result of his work as the Executive Director of Community Relations at Franciscan University. After earning a baseball scholarship to Ohio University, and being drafted by the Seattle Mariners, Mike went on to coach four different college baseball teams. In 2005, his book, "Healthier Than Normal" was published. In it, he discusses his story of overcoming Crohn's Disease. He received the Great Comebacks Award in 2008, which is presented to a person that has overcome adversity and can be an example to those suffering from similar conditions.

Mike has held a number of administrative positions in the field of Higher Education throughout his career and he taught communication courses at four different colleges for 19 years. He has conducted seminars on the benefits of high school and college athletics for nearly 9,000 middle school and high school athletes. Mike believes that Brightway's quality programming can expand on our important role in the development of youth that is desperately needed today in the Ohio Valley and beyond.