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WHERE WERE YOU BORN?

Charlotte, NC

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN CHARLOTTE AREA?

I lived in Charlotte for 22 years.

TELL US A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT YOU?

Mark Sanders, Jr., is a 2016 Magna Cum Laude graduate of Livingstone College. During his tenure at LC, Mark served on the Royal Court as the 2015-2016 Mr. Senior as well as Vice President of the Junior Class SGA (2014-2015). He was also inducted into the Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society and Phi Beta Lambda Business Fraternity and is a fall 2014 initiate of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Sports Management, Sanders earned an MBA from Kaplan University in December 2017 before joining the Armed Forces that same year. Currently a retired veteran from the United States Army, Sanders has earned several certifications, including an Entrepreneur Essentials Certificate from Harvard Business School, a dental hygienists' assistant certification, and a license in cannabis. His entrepreneurial endeavors include music writing and production for top artists of different genres, including Tamela Mann, Nipsey Hussle, and Chris Brown. Mark Sanders is the Co-Founder of Royalty Entertainment, LLC, and currently serves on the board of directors for Durr Capital Group. Sanders is also currently serving as the Vice President of the Iota Omicron Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and he is a Master Mason from the Pikes Peak Lodge No. 5. Sanders is married and has a 3-year-old son.

DURING YOUR TIME VOLUNTEERING FOR A COMMUNITY ACTIVITY OR PROJECT, WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT?

My fraternity Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, INC, gave away 1,000 backpacks and school supplies to the kids and a mother told me she had absolutely no money to get her child anything due to Covid and losing everything. That was amazing for me.

IN YOUR OPINION, HOW DO YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY? PLEASE BE AS DETAILED AS YOU CAN.

Shopping local, I invest in the community. Spending money locally supports the local economy and your neighbors — by keeping money in your neighborhood, where it can be reinvested again through other shops and services. It's a cycle that keeps on giving. Habitat for Humanity is an organization that, with the help of volunteers, builds of safe and affordable housing in more than 70 countries around the world. Houses are built or renovated, over a number of weeks. And not only can you choose the kind of project you work on but you work alongside the family who will live in the house at the end of the build. In Durr Capital Group we invest heavily into single-family homes to see that single mothers and fathers have a place safe and nice to raise their families. With one donation you can save many lives, yet just one patient could require multiple donors. For heart surgery, it's up to five. Leukemia treatments, as many as eight donors a week. Emergency care for a car accident can use up to 50. Every donation makes a difference in someone's life. Those are things that I do on a regular basis along with the organizations I'm a part of.

PLEASE LET US KNOW ANY AWARDS OR RECOGNITIONS YOU'VE RECEIVED IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

Livingstone College 40 under 40
2X Gold RIAA Producer
BMI Award Winner 2022
Presidents Hundred Tab (Military)
Mentor of the year 2020

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES OR INTEREST?

Fitness & Music are my hobbies and interest. It's therapeutic and good for my spirit and health.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE QUOTE THAT YOU STAND BY?

"For Every Dark Night There's A Brighter Day"

- Tupac Shakur

WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 5 YEARS? 10 YEARS?

In 5 years I see myself financially well off to give my family whatever they want and need. In 10 years I see myself retired and giving back to my community and helping give resources to those that need them.

CAN YOU SHARE ONE THING THAT IS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

Producing a song with Charlotte's own Da Baby

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU USED YOUR PASSPORT?

Traveling abroad in college. I need to renew my passport now.

WHAT IS A FUN FACT ABOUT YOURSELF THAT NO ONE KNOWS?

From K-12 I never missed a day of school and was awarded for it at graduation.

WHO IS YOUR HERO?

My Grandpa Frank who passed away when I was 15.

WHAT WAS THE LAST BOOK YOU READ?

The 33 strategies of war by Robert Greene

WHAT WAS THE LAST MOVIE YOU SAW?

The Joker

WHAT WAS THE LAST CONCERT YOU SAW?

J Cole in Denver, Colorado

HOW DID THE COVID PANDEMIC AFFECT YOUR PERSONAL OR PROFESSIONAL LIFE?

Covid didn't affect my personal life it actually gave me a lot more time to spend with my wife and son. I loved it. It gave a lot of us time to think and create ideas/thoughts that manifested into great things like me producing a gold record by Chris Brown. Professionally I'm a retired veteran and entrepreneur so I haven't been affected it actually helped.

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