

In 2016, I opened my own barbershop in Sycamore, Illinois (In & Out Cuts). After a few years, I realized I wanted to help others to fulfill their passion in barbering and went back to school to become an Illinois licensed barber instructor. Which led to the next chapter in my barbering profession. A friend and fellow barbershop owner (Roc's Barber Shop) we decided became partner and open a Barber College (Legacy Academy) in 2020. Which now has a long-standing relationship and platform in the community.

We knew we created something special as a community platform. Our clients and others in the community respect and look up to us for the accomplished we both have made and continue to make and that in is returned from us to them. With that sound respect we have established a network that holds more value than any monetary gain. The barbershop is one of the few places in a community where real conversations are where you can get to the heart of issues in the heart of the community.

Unexpectedly, I have become a mentor for many youths in the community. I know firsthand what it is like being a at risk youth living in an underserved community. It led to a young adult trying to find my place and identity. With that understanding I finally stepped up and created the Passion Over Profit foundation. With the vision of creating something that could live forever with positively impact to the lives of our youths. Providing them with the life skills they need to successfully navigate and carry through adulthood.

My role is to oversee the foundations success and never lose sight of the mission at hand. I will do speaking events, mentoring, and host the "barbershop talk" at my local barbershop. I will always take pride in seeing how my everyday work helps and will help many young people succeed and advance in their lives.

Just like me, they can defy the odds and strive for a better future and that gives me the energy, courage, and motivation to continue with my mission.