



Timothy W. Gerkin

Loosely defined, a “Renaissance Man or Woman” is a well-rounded individual excelling in several aspects of a full and meaningful life. That has to be the title for Timothy W. Gerkin, Kings Park High School, Class of 1980. There is a saying that states “show me a warrior who plays a musical instrument and I will show you a complete man”. Tim is that and a great deal more.

Since leaving high school, Tim has gone to college, became a Lieutenant in the Army, earned a B.S. from Clarion University, attended Southern Connecticut State University to earn an M.S. in English, attended Brooklyn College for a M.F.A. in Poetry Writing, then finally attended Fordham University for a Ph.D. in Education,, Literacy, Language and Learning. At present he is a Professor of Humanities at Morrisville State College in upstate New York.

What makes Tim a Renaissance man? He was captain of three sports in high school: football, wrestling and lacrosse. He has attended colleges, has been in the military and has taught others. His poetry has been published. Several times he has had pictorial exhibits displaying his extensive photography accomplishments. He has attended the prestigious MacDowell Colony and Yale Writers Workshop.

Most teachers give their heart and soul teaching students about the accomplishments of other writers. Tim has poured his heart and soul into creating within several different venues, then teaches with the passion and an experienced awareness.