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# Virtual Leaders of Tomorrow



**Rocky Shanower**

## "Building Relationships that Make a Difference"

Rocky Shanower is the co-owner & founder of Park Street Pizza and mobile wood-fired pizza concept named Bahler Street. He and his partner/wife Courtney Shanower opened Park Street Pizza in 2003 at the age of 22 years old in their hometown of Sugarcreek, Ohio. They have two sons named Rigsby (12) and Wilde (8). Park Street Pizza has become a regional destination known for a locally sourced seasonal menu. Bahler Street is a mobile wood-fired pizza concept that was developed in early 2014 by the couple, pairing Courtney's sourdough recipe with Rocky's concept of a mobile pizza truck. His passions in business include collaborating and developing relationships with local farmers and producers, team building with an emphasis on service and culture, and obsessing over new opportunities for growth in the service and hospitality industry. Rocky is a college dropout who was named 2020 Young Entrepreneur of Year by Pizza Today magazine.

### \*Information to Note\*

**After watching a video, you will have the students text 330-520-2504 to register for scholarship drawings. Each student will only be eligible to register one time.**

**Leaders of Tomorrow will be awarding eight \$250 scholarships to be used at the school of the student's choice. Kent State will be awarding eight \$500 scholarships to be used at Kent State University at Tuscarawas.**

**Additionally, the KSU Tuscarawas Leadership Application is available as a PDF in the LOTS materials. Students are invited to complete that application on their own and send it directly to the campus.**



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# SPEAKER WORKSHEET

## **Before the Video:**

Rocky Shanower and his wife, Courtney, created and own Park St. Pizza in Sugarcreek, OH. Have you ever enjoyed his pizza? What makes that restaurant special? If you haven't eaten there, what locally-owned restaurant do you love and why?

If you were going to stay in this area and create a business, what would you build? What idea has the Tuscarawas Valley not seen yet and needs?

Any business proposition takes the work and networking of many individuals. Who would help you create a business? Who would be your partner? Your worker? Your mentor? What type of help would you need?

## **After the Video:**

Why does who we spend our time with matter? How do you cultivate your closest relationships? Why is it important?

Who are the five people you spend the most time with? What are you gaining and learning from them?

Big Goals only happen through small, daily steps. What is your big goal? What are you doing daily to reach it?

Mentors are people with more experience who can help us learn. Who are your mentors? Have you ever learned from someone else's experience and/or mistakes?

What do you want to be remembered for? How can you start locally to make changes you wish to see in the world?