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Tony Nami Jr. is a lifelong resident of Hamilton Township. Educated in the Hamilton Township Public School System, he is a graduate of Hamilton High School West and Mercer County College. Currently he is the President and owner of Prior & Nami Business Systems, TNami Construction and Distribution, and a licensed New Jersey real estate agent.

Working has always been part of Tony's identity. He believes that watching his parents and grandparents work to achieve what they had rubbed off on him. He loves the statement: The harder I work, the luckier I get.

As a young boy, Tony was always looking for a way to make money and was never afraid of hard work. Whether it was delivering papers, washing floors at the local 7-11, cutting grass for family and neighbors, or picking corn at a local farm, he learned the value of a buck. In high school he worked as a short order cook at the Casino Restaurant in Chambersburg, as a lot boy at Baron Motors on Broad Street in Trenton, and as a construction worker for his uncle at Robert N. Nami Construction.

Upon graduating from high school, Tony installed car stereos at Universal Stereo in Hamilton and then worked for Radio Shack in Lawrenceville at the Quakerbridge Mall. Radio Shack was the job that launched his career in sales and made him start seriously thinking about having a business of his own. The next step in his career came when he landed a sales job for Royal Business Machines in Philadelphia selling photocopiers.

After two years with Royal, he started selling office equipment locally for The Prior Typewriter Company of Trenton. When Jack and Tom Prior retired in 1994, Tony was able to buy the company from them. He changed the name to Prior & Nami Business Systems and, in 1997, purchased the building at 1666 Hamilton Avenue where the company is currently located.

Through the years, Tony has been an active participant in, and supporter of, many community organizations. He coached in both the Hamilton PAL Basketball League and Hamilton Township Recreational Girls' Soccer League in the 1990's, is a past president of the Yardville Swim Club and past president of the SHS Swim Booster Club. Currently, Tony supports and coaches the Mercer County CYO Basketball League and serves on their Bi-annual Golf Committee. In addition, he is also a coach for the Hamilton Little Lads Basketball League and sponsors many local recreational sports teams, including a team in the Mercer County Over 60 Softball League.

Outside of work, Tony enjoys biking, boating, paddle boarding, sailing, classic cars and motorcycles. However, the greatest enjoyment in his life comes from the time he spends with his wife, Debra, his two daughters, Jacquelyn and Julie, and his four grandchildren. He has also found great pleasure and pride in his family at Prior & Nami Business Systems.