

ALUMNI OF THE MONTH

Name: Mary (Rosenswie) Jordan

Year of Graduation: 2013

What have you done since graduating from Port Allegany High School?

Following graduation at Port Allegany High School, I went to Slippery Rock University where I got my Bachelor of Science in Recreational Therapy in 2016. I then went to work for UPMC Cole where I was a Recreational Therapist for their Skilled Nursing Facility for 2 years. I then moved to Winchester, Virginia where I attended Shenandoah University to obtain my Masters of Science in Occupational Therapy in 2020.



Since then, I have moved back home where I work at UPMC Cole as an Occupational Therapist where I treat pediatric patients in an Outpatient setting, as well as help out on Acute Care. I am happily married to my husband Noah, where we have a 5 month old son named Henry. We also have two fur babies named Gerber and Finnegan.

I enjoy spending my time helping out the community by being involved in the Port Allegany Library Auction committee for two years, a chairman in the Otto-Eldred Hometown Days, as well as the founder of the Turtlepoint Farmers Market.

Where do you currently live?

Eldred, Pennsylvania

Who was your favorite teacher in high school? Why were they your favorite?

In high school, I had many influential teachers that impacted me from seventh grade all the way up to my senior year. It's difficult for me to name a specific teacher because

they all were unique and each provided me guidance and taught me different life lessons. They helped me discover ways to accept my challenges, embrace my differences, and make the best out of what I have every day. For many reasons, I believe my teachers molded me into the person I am today, and I am forever grateful.

What is your fondest memory of Port Allegany High School?

Port Allegany High School offered me so many opportunities to express my creative side and collaborate with my classmates. I was very involved in the music department in high school, and I think that department holds a lot of my fondest memories. Whether it was being involved in the spring musicals, or dancing on stage with my friends during show choir, I enjoyed the opportunities I had to make memories and spend time together.

It always amazed me what we were capable of creating as a group when we worked together - we really did some amazing things, and I will always be proud of that! PAHS also offered me opportunities to participate in sporting events such as women's soccer and track and field. I wouldn't say I was athletically gifted in any way, but I enjoyed the support and companionship of my teammates and coaches nonetheless.

Overall, my memories of my time at PAHS will always hold a special place in my heart.