

## ALUMNI OF THE MONTH

**Names:** Michael and Cheryl Nasto

**Years of Graduation:** Michael (1973)  
Cherie (1975)

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

Mike: I graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Physical Education from Penn State University. I was first employed by the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford as the Assistant Athletic Director/Coach. For the next twelve years, I was a Pharmaceutical Sales Rep with Sandoz. I was then employed as a Physical Education teacher/coach/Pool and Park Supervisor in the Port Allegany School District for 24 years.



Cherie: I received my Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and a certification in Library Science at Lock Haven University and began my teaching that summer in the Port Allegany Elementary School. While teaching 1st Grade (13 years) I was able to complete a Masters in Reading at St. Bonaventure University. I then moved into the Instructional Support/RTII position where I finished my 37-year career in education.

We were both blessed to work with many administrators, teachers and staff that were true professionals who valued the importance of each child's education.

Throughout the years we have tried to give back to our community through volunteering for various organizations including Youth Programs, Sports, Church, Community Christmas/Toys for Tots, Food Pantry, Education Committees and the Port Allegany School Board.

We love spending time with our children....our son, Tom, Erin and their children, Declan and McKenna, reside in North Carolina and our daughter, Alyssa (engaged to Cory), lives in Florida.

Our retirement has allowed us the opportunity to travel in the USA and several countries in Europe with family and friends.

**Where do you currently live?**

Port Allegany, Pennsylvania

**Who were your favorite teachers in high school? Why were they your favorite?**

We have often talked about how so many of our teachers played an important role in our lives.

Mike often refers to three gentlemen that influenced his love of sports and the field of physical education....not only for the athletics, but for the life lessons learned: Mr. Jerry Cammarata, Mr. Ed Babcock and Mr. Roland Dann.

Cherie, who was definitely not athletic, had several that led her into the field of education because of their high standards and expectations they set for their students: Mr. Thomas Saiers, Mr. T Lee Bennett and Mr. Ron Caskey.

**What is your fondest memory of Port Allegany High School?**

Mike's fondest memories include basketball games, musicals, leek suppers and Cherie's centered around music....band, chorus and musicals.

We both agree the lasting friendships amongst our fellow classmates are what we most treasure.