

ALUMNI OF THE MONTH

Name: Valerie (Russell) Archer

Year of Graduation: 1995

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

After graduating from high school I attended Mansfield University and earned a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education.

After graduating from college, I married Doug (Boshane) Archer and then took a position as a Prevention Specialist with Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services. I then took some time away to start and raise a family.

I started my teaching career at the Bradford Area Christian Academy, where I taught for a year. I took a full-time position with the Otto Eldred School District in 2006 and have been teaching 2nd grade there for the last 16 years. By the year 2010 I had our 4th child and in 2013 I earned a Master's Degree from Walden University in Early Childhood Studies.

I have served on the Recreational Authority Board in Port Allegany and I am a current leader of Simple Blessings Ministry for the First Church of God in Eldred. I also am a co-leader for the First Church of God Youth Group. I have served in the school community for different school groups such as Boosters and many sports organizations.

Where do you currently live?

Port Allegany

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



Mrs. Mary Gregg was my favorite teacher in high school. She was my favorite teacher because of her kind, gentle spirit and ability to help us learn in a way that was challenging yet fun. She always gave of her time if we needed extra help and her love for her students was evident in her teaching.

What is your fondest memory of Port Allegany High School?

My fondest memory of Port Allegany High School is time spent with my friends in both an academic and social setting. Building these friendships helped to make me the person that I am and I am blessed to still be friends with many of these people today.