

ALUMNI OF THE MONTH

Name: Nate Carlson

Year of Graduation: 1996

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

After graduation in 1996, I attended Bucknell University, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry. I then furthered my education at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, graduating in 2004. Post-graduation, I completed a year of Dental Residency at Christiana Care Hospital in Wilmington, Delaware. In 2005, I returned home to join the family dental practice, making me the third generation of my family to practice dentistry in Port Allegany at Carlson Dental Associates.

In 2008, I married my wife, Ashley and we have one entertaining son, Ryan. Ryan is beginning his high school career as a Gator!

Where do you currently live?

Port Allegany, Pennsylvania

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

Honestly, I have always said, "All teachers are my heroes, and I could never do what they do, day in and day out".

All teachers, Kindergarten through graduation have helped shape me to the man I am today. Here are some of the best of the best, Mr. Finn, Mr. Caskey, Mr. Smith, and Mrs.



Costa. The last time I saw Mr. Smith, he was able to rattle off a multiple choice Earth Science question with the same enthusiasm that he had in the classroom years ago.

What is your fondest memory of Port Allegany High School?

Some of my fondest memories from high school involve my closest friends that I still make memories with today. I am not sure that I would have made those close friends if I grew up in a larger community.

I have many memories, but one that stands out the most is making it to the state playoffs in basketball my senior year. As the season progressed, the student body and community stood behind us and would pack the gymnasium with standing room only.