

**Name**

Bryanna Evens-Kinna

**Year of Graduation**

2011

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

Since I have been twelve years old, I always knew I wanted to be a Physician Assistant (PA). Therefore, upon graduating from Port Allegany, I attended college at Saint Francis University. I was accepted into their five-year PA program. During my last year, I completed nine 5-week rotations. Out of those, I was able to complete four in the Port Allegany region, including three through Charles Cole and one through Bradford Regional.

While at Saint Francis University, I was part of a service sorority. We performed many different activities, such as raising money for local charities. I also went on a week-long mission trip to Jamaica. While there, I worked in a medical clinic treating patients. We also organized a Bible school, where I was a teacher for young children. It was such a humbling experience and one that I will never forget.

Upon graduating from Saint Francis University, I accepted a job as a Physician Assistant with Family Practice Center in Lewisburg and Mifflinburg, PA. I have now been working there for almost a year.

On October 15, 2016, I married my wonderful husband Kurtis. We met at college where he was in the Physical Therapy program. We share a deep belief in God and the desire to help people through our jobs in the medical field.

**Where do you currently live?**

Montandon, PA

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

This is a very difficult question for me to answer, as I greatly enjoyed many of the teachers at PAHS. Two of my favorites were Mr. Riley and Mr. Wheaton.

Mr. Riley always taught his material in a fun, yet difficult way. His test questions definitely prepared me for college. Mr. Riley was also the supervisor of a club called Gator News. Being a shy girl in high school, the last thing I wanted to do was be on the TV in front of the entire school during homeroom. But that is exactly what he had me do. It definitely helped me to come out of my shell and become the woman I am today. He was also my track coach for 4 years. He not only pushed me to be the best runner I could be, but helped me to develop leadership skills by placing me as co-captain for two years.

As for Mr. Wheaton, he was my biology and anatomy teacher. Since I planned to go into the medical field and enjoyed learning the material, there were many mornings I would come to him with questions. Without hesitation, he would always take the time to help me. As well, anatomy and physiology in college was one of the hardest classes and used to "weed-out" PA students before

entering into graduate school. I can honestly say that with the base of knowledge I obtained from Mr. Wheaton, I survived PA school.

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

I definitely enjoyed all my memories associated with sports. In particular, my senior year of soccer is one I will never forget. I still remember the pure happiness and excitement I felt as the foreign exchange student, Fernanda, scored the winning goal during the first round of districts. The friendships and memories made at PAHS have played a key role in who I am today. I feel so blessed to call myself a Port Allegany Alumni.



*Bryanna E. Evens*

