

Name

Candice McFall Earnest

Year of Graduation

1999

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

I attended Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, earning a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education, and Special Education, as well as a minor in Philosophy. I received my Master's degree in educational leadership from Grand Canyon University. I taught special education for 9 years and have been a special education coordinator for the past 3 years.

I am an active member in my church, teaching children's church every other month and volunteering for several homeless outreach programs. I was lucky enough to marry my best friend a year and a half ago and we have the world's two best cats. In my spare time, I have an adorable two-year-old niece who keeps me pretty busy!

Where do you currently live?

I currently live in Irving, Texas, just outside of Dallas.

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

Will I get in trouble if I pick just one? Mr. Stavisky, he always took the time to get to know what was going on with me and made me feel like I was important. He made me believe that I could do more than I was capable of and pushed me to do just that. He also did not hesitate to have a little fun!

What is your fondest memory of Port Allegany High School?

I have so many cherished memories from high school; I cannot pick just one. Looking back on it, I feel so fortunate to have grown up in such a small, caring community. Of course, when I was there, I could not wait to leave, and now that I am gone, I cannot wait to get back. I love coming home and seeing friends and family, making new memories and laughing about the old ones. My friendships and memories made in high school have definitely played a large role in who I am today, and I am very proud of that.

