

ALUMNI OF THE MONTH

Name: John Dunn

Year of Graduation: 1976

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

I moved to Buffalo, NY days after graduation and started working at DeGeorge Ceilings. I started college in the Fall of 1976 at Niagara County Community College and graduated in 1978 with an Associate's degree in Business. I began full time employment at DeGeorge Ceilings upon graduation in commercial and residential sales.

In September 1980, I was transferred to Cincinnati, OH and took over an existing operation as General Manager of DeGeorge. My brother Chris moved to Cincinnati and started at DeGeorge in the Fall of 1982. In the Fall of 1983, I purchased the Cincinnati franchise from the owner.

I met my wife Cindi in 1983 and we were married in July 1984. We have four children -- our twins, Missy and Matt, were born in 1986, our daughter Mandy was born in 1988 and our son Mark was born in 1990.

DeGeorge was primarily a residential contractor when I moved to Ohio, but in the last 38 years it has grown into one of the larger acoustical ceiling and flooring contractors in Ohio, covering Ohio and into Indiana and Kentucky. In 2007, my oldest son Matt joined the company; he is primarily responsible for growing the flooring business.

One of my hobbies over the years was coaching high school basketball for seven years at Lakota East -- I was an assistant Varsity coach. My wife and I also enjoy spending time with our children and grandchildren. In addition to our four children, we have five grandchildren (Jackson - 5, Nolan - 4.5, Connor - 3, Julianne - 2.5 and Nora - 1.5) and another grandchild on the way. Our youngest son Mark recently got engaged and will be getting married in 2022.

My time at the Port Allegany school system from Kindergarten - 12th grade was instrumental in helping me become the man I am today. It was always a warm feeling that my mom, June Dunn, was close by in the high school building as the 7-12 music teacher. Go Gators! #72



Where do you currently live?

Liberty Township (Cincinnati, OH)

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

My favorite teachers were John Kriner (wrestling coach) and Tom Phillips (football coach). They both challenged me in the classroom, on the wrestling mat and on the football field. Also, they were both instrumental in helping me mature as a young man when I needed a male figure in my life.

What is your fondest memory of Port Allegany High School?

Two of my favorite memories in high school were holding down the left tackle position on the football team as a senior and also wrestling in the 145 lb. weight class and going to districts at Clarion State College.