

**Stephanie Straka**  
**December 2014 Alumni of the Month**

Stephanie Straka, a graduate from Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School in 2008, has been nothing short of successful. After graduating, Stephanie went to Indiana University of Pennsylvania for one year and then transferred to Frostburg State University where she played college basketball for four years. At Frostburg, she completed her bachelor's degree in health and physical education teaching. She is currently attending the University of Tennessee for graduate school in sport psychology and motor behavior.



Her fondest memory of Conemaugh Township would have to be when she was named "Most School Spirited" in her senior year. In this sense, she had the opportunity to support her school and fellow classmates.

Stephanie feels her passion for sports has had a huge impact on her life and has molded her into the person she is today.

Stephanie stated, "Each individual has the ability to find what works for you, and to me, being around athletics is something that has become more of a lifestyle."

Stephanie is following her dream and is currently living in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Looking back on high school, Stephanie recalls, "I don't really have one favorite teacher at Conemaugh Township. I would say I had a great relationship with most of my teachers at CT. I tried to form a unique bond with each teacher I had, and they were all very helpful and supportive to me in school, sports, and also in life."