

**Name**

Abbie Bricker

**Year of Graduation**

2005 (1st in the class)

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

The summer after graduation, I represented Port Allegany High School at the Laurel Festival.

I graduated summa cum laude from St. Bonaventure University, with a dual degree in elementary and early childhood education, while being a Division 1 cheerleader. I graduated third overall in my graduating class, and first in my major.

I started teaching at Portville Central School (where I did my student teaching) right after graduation, and I've been a second grade teacher there ever since. I am the emcee of our Morning Program, which is a sort of pep rally held first thing in the morning for students in pre-k through 2nd grade.

I received my Master's in Reading from Edinboro University. I've taught varsity cheerleading at Portville for 8 years. (Just to put it in perspective, the year before I started they had 4 cheerleaders. We now have at least 20 girls on the squad each season.) I'm also the cheerleading coach and Spirit Coordinator at St. Bonaventure University for 4 years now - Go Bonnies!

I keep the book/stats for the Olean Oilers every summer, which is a summer collegiate baseball team in the NYCBL. I was also the official statistician for the 2017 NYCBL All-Star game.

I've taught zumba classes and ran numerous half marathons, raising money for various charities such as St. Jude's, the Susan G. Komen Foundation, and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

**Where do you currently live?**

Port Allegany with my dad Jeff, brother Brock, and two dogs.

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

Mr. Bill Potter was - and still is - an influential person in my life. I had him for honors biology my senior year, where we were able to learn about a variety of unusual concepts such as DNA testing. Ever since high school, he (and his wife) have continued to support me in all aspects of my life. Mr. and Mrs. Potter were a huge support system when my mom passed away, and they continue to be today throughout my dad's illness. I'm so thankful for both of them.

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

I was chosen to represent the Class of 2005 at the Laurel Festival in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania. It was such a wonderful experience, from the opening ceremony to the parade and crowning. I was so thankful that my entire extended family was able to be there to support me!

Thank you so much for this nomination! It really means a lot to me - and my dad will be so excited!



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"I will not be intimidated. That's just the way it is." -"Coach Boone, Remember the Titans."