

**Name**

Dr. Zane Raudenbush

**Year of Graduation**

2004

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

After graduating high school in 2004, I attended Rutgers University in New Jersey to pursue a B.S. degree in Turfgrass Management. During my time at Rutgers I spent four summers working at Oakmont Country Club where we hosted the United States Men's Open in 2007.

Shortly after graduating I began working as an apprentice superintendent at Bayonne Golf Club, which is a links-style course that overlooks the Hudson Bay and New York City. In 2010, I decided to go back to school and pursue a M.S. degree at Kansas State University studying broadleaf weed control in turfgrass systems. Truth be told, I was nervous about the prospect of going back to school, but I found a tremendous amount of personal fulfillment carrying out the scientific method.

In 2012, I was fortunate to have the opportunity to pursue my Ph.D. at Kansas State studying silvery-thread moss control in golf course putting greens.

My proudest achievements are marrying my beautiful wife, Amy, and raising our two daughters, Olivia and Holly.

**Where do you currently live?**

Currently, I live in Wooster, Ohio and serve as Coordinator for the Turfgrass Management program at Ohio State University's Agricultural Technical Institute. Additionally, my wife works for Ohio State University as an entomologist, so needless to say our dinner conversations can get quite interesting!

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

While not employed at Port Allegany High School, my favorite teacher was an elementary school teacher named Mr. Raudenbush (aka Dad), because he is one of the most dedicated and humble people I have ever met.

Like most teachers, he spent countless hours grading papers, creating lesson plans, and preparing for class. He brought that same dedication and passion to his coaching, and was an influential figure for many of the men and women who were fortunate enough to have him as a coach. His work ethic instilled in me at a young age that with enough practice and hard work, nearly any skill can be mastered.

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

I had so many great experiences at Port Allegany High School that I cannot choose a fondest memory, but I can say with 100% certainty that I enjoyed the size of PAHS. As a young kid I never considered what it might be like to attend a school that graduates 500+ students each year, but this was the case for many of my friends at Rutgers University. The smaller graduating classes at PAHS afforded all of us the opportunity to participate in almost any sport, club, or organization of our choosing – simply because there wasn't a line of

300 students competing for the same 20 slots! I took this for granted at the time, but continue to grow more grateful for the opportunities I had at PAHS.

GO GATORS!



