

## ALUMNI OF THE MONTH

**Name:** Valerie (Russell) Archer

**Year of Graduation:** 1995

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

After graduating from high school I attended Mansfield University and earned a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education.

After graduating from college, I married Doug (Boshane) Archer and then took a position as a Prevention Specialist with Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services. I then took some time away to start and raise a family.

I started my teaching career at the Bradford Area Christian Academy, where I taught for a year. I took a full-time position with the Otto Eldred School District in 2006 and have been teaching 2nd grade there for the last 16 years. By the year 2010 I had our 4th child and in 2013 I earned a Master's Degree from Walden University in Early Childhood Studies.

I have served on the Recreational Authority Board in Port Allegany and I am a current leader of Simple Blessings Ministry for the First Church of God in Eldred. I also am a co-leader for the First Church of God Youth Group. I have served in the school community for different school groups such as Boosters and many sports organizations.

**Where do you currently live?**

Port Allegany

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



Mrs. Mary Gregg was my favorite teacher in high school. She was my favorite teacher because of her kind, gentle spirit and ability to help us learn in a way that was challenging yet fun. She always gave of her time if we needed extra help and her love for her students was evident in her teaching.

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

My fondest memory of Port Allegany High School is time spent with my friends in both an academic and social setting. Building these friendships helped to make me the person that I am and I am blessed to still be friends with many of these people today.