

## Alumni of the Month

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Ashley Kopp, a former Conemaugh Township student, graduated in 2010 with big goals. After graduation, Ashley attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania for 4 years and earned her bachelor degree in Early Childhood Special Education. She was a substitute teacher at various schools through the Learning Lamp for a few months after graduation. Ashley was hired by Rockwood Elementary School in December 2014 as an elementary autistic, emotional, and learning support teacher. She taught there for 5 years. In July 2019, her dream came true and she was hired at Conemaugh Township as a middle school learning support teacher. Finally, she earned her master's degree from IUP in 2020 in Mathematics Education. This year, Ashley embarked on a new adventure as the middle/high school life skills teacher and she truly loves it. She is also co-advisor of the Speech Team, advisor of the Buddies Club and Crochet Club, and coach of the Bocce Ball team.

Ashley Kopp married her husband, Adam, in 2018. They have a home in Davidsville with their cat, Charlie; dogs, Callie and Mia; bearded dragon, Jethro; turtle, Elvis; and tortoise, Toni. Ashley says, they have “quite the zoo” at home. In her high school years, Ashley had so many amazing teachers and found it difficult to pick a favorite. She stated, “The teacher who had the most impact on me was Mr. Adams. I learned how to study in his class and he made me a better student because of his high expectations.” Ashley's favorite memory was being crowned homecoming princess. She said, “I was super quiet in school and never expected people to vote for me. It meant everything to me when they called my name as part of the homecoming court!”

Overall, high school for Ashley was one of her favorite experiences, and she is extremely proud to be a Conemaugh Township alumni!