

Rick Matsko graduated at Conemaugh Township Area High School in 1995. He attended Shippensburg University where he played baseball and got drafted by the Cleveland Indians in 1998. Rick played in the minor leagues for a few years as a right-handed pitcher. Then he went back to college after that experience at Temple University and graduated in 2004 with a degree in Sports Management. He currently works for the Arizona Diamondbacks as an amateur scout.

His favorite teacher was Mr. Cable. Not only did Rick have him as a teacher, but also as a coach. He taught Rick a lot of life lessons that have stuck with him throughout the years and made him the person he is today. "I also have to mention Sam Zambanini who was my baseball coach at Conemaugh Township," he said. Baseball has obviously been a big part of his life and Sam was instrumental in helping him reach the levels he was fortunate enough to achieve.

Mr. Matsko's fondest memory of Conemaugh Township stays with him today. It is the relationships and friendships he continues to have with his classmates and teachers. "One of those great traditions is the annual alumni basketball game on Thanksgiving morning where we regularly get over 30 former players. It is things like those traditions that make Conemaugh Township a special place," Rick stated. He currently lives in Carpenters Park, Pennsylvania.