

Lyla Mauzy

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Alumni of the Month

Period 3

Kristie Byer - Alumni of the Month

Kristie Byer, a Conemaugh Township alumna, graduated in 2005 and has countless memories from her high school experience that she has treasured over the years. Following her high school career, Byer attended Slippery Rock University and earned a bachelor's degree in finance, as well as a minor in information systems. At 17, as a junior in high school (2004) she enlisted as a flight operations specialist for the PA Army National Guard. Byer was deployed to Baghdad and Tallil in 2009 for Operation Iraqi Freedom, and exited the military as a sergeant in December 2010. Later on, she moved to Virginia Beach to work as a team leader for a mortgage company, then relocated to Johnstown in December, 2018 where she began a career in government contracting.

Reflecting on her experience at Conemaugh Township, Byer noted that Miss Gall was her favorite teacher. She stated, "Miss Gall was a brand-new teacher my senior year, and she was always so bubbly and happy. She made learning fun, and was a mentor and friend to me." Miss Gall provided her with support and encouragement in high school, which had a lasting impact on her character throughout life. Some of Byer's most cherished CT memories involved soccer, track, dances, football games, lunch, prom, building the bonfire, and senior skip day.

Currently, Kristie Byer resides in Jerome with her husband, Mr. Andy Byer (one of the math teachers at Conemaugh Township), whom she married in 2012. The couple has two children, Lexi and Brody, who both attend the Conemaugh Township Middle and High School.



