

## ALUMNI OF THE MONTH

**Name:** Brooke Shipley (DiLucia)

**Year of Graduation:** 2010

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



Upon graduation, I moved to DuBois, Pennsylvania to pursue better job opportunities. I started in the food industry as a food and beverage supervisor at the Hilton hotel.

Working on cars since I was 16, I soon figured out that my passion was within the automotive industry. I became a Parts Manager at AutoZone and within a year, I was promoted to Commercial Sales Manager. I was employed with AutoZone for about 5 years. From there, I decided that I enjoyed the parts side of the industry but would much rather be in the garage. I worked hard and got my inspections license, EPA609 certifications, business licenses, and automotive hazmat certifications. I prepared myself and waited for the perfect opportunity.

In December of 2021, I purchased an automotive repair shop, Bob Boob Garage in Clearfield PA. This shop has been here for over 75 years and now my husband and I get to continue the legacy of the shop.

In September of 2023, I also worked with a local coffee roaster, Aegis Coffee Roasters, to create our very own "garage blend coffee". Every bag of coffee that we sell donates 25% of the net proceeds to different organizations every quarter. There are still so many things that I want to achieve as a woman in the automotive industry, but I think I've at least made a good start.

I currently live in Clearfield with my husband and our children.

**Where do you currently live?**

Clearfield, PA

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

Mrs. Reilly was my favorite teacher. Participating in SADD and track gave me the opportunity to get to know her more and spend more time with her. She was a very positive, straightforward, and honest person. She always pushed me to do my best and was always willing to help.

Another favorite was Ma Brown. She was one of the sweetest ladies there. She didn't put up with any nonsense, which I loved about her, and she genuinely cared about all of her students.

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

The standard answer that everyone has. There really are a lot to choose from. I guess my favorite memories are the days I spent in volleyball, cheerleading, and track.

The friendships and bonds that we built and the teamwork that we had was always something to be proud of.