

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



## JENNIFER M. (BEACH) DETTINGER

Class of 1991

After graduating from William Penn Senior High School, Ms. Dettinger attended York College of Pennsylvania and graduated with a bachelor's degree in management with a concentration in human resources. She is the first person in her family to graduate from college. Today, she serves as the human resources specialist for the School District of the City of York. Now 45 and a mother, Ms. Dettinger lives in Dallastown.

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY FROM YOUR SCHOOL DAYS IN YORK CITY?

When I was a senior at York High, I was in the co-op program and worked in the guidance office every other week. It gave me good work experience and I loved it when lower-classmen would come in to schedule appointments with their counselors. They looked up to me, and it made me feel great to help them. This experience probably geared me toward my future career in human resources.

### WHAT LESSONS DID YOU LEARN IN SCHOOL THAT STILL RESONATE IN YOUR LIFE?

How to interact and get along with a diverse group of individuals. Some folks in York County only interact with people like themselves. As a student at York City schools, interacting with people unlike me was a daily activity. From a young age I learned that all people have the same basic needs (security, love, etc.) and that treating others with dignity and respect is the key to a harmonious life! I feel that this lesson has been invaluable as an adult.

### WHY ARE YOU PROUD TO BE A BEARCAT?

The Bearcat spirit taught me to be a strong, confident and sometimes bold person. At the same time, I am caring and kind. The York City School District is a part of my being, and I am honored to be a Bearcat. Once a Bearcat, always a Bearcat!



### WHAT'S ONE PIECE OF ADVICE YOU WOULD SHARE WITH TODAY'S STUDENTS?

Get your face out of your phones and interact with each other, in person! Too much can be misconstrued by text messages, Facebook posts, etc. Get together and have fun. Your time in school will go by so fast and then life is mundane and predictable. Enjoy the little time that you have to be a kid!