

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



## NORMA BOWMAN

Class of 2009

After graduating from William Penn Senior High School, Ms. Bowman attended Penn State York and graduated in 2013 with a degree in human development and family studies. She went on to earn her master's degree in school counseling from Millersville University in 2018. Ms. Bowman, 27, lives in York.

### WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT SO FAR?

Being a first-generation college student. Neither of my parents has a high school diploma, so I am proud of myself for not only getting my high school diploma, but also making it to receive my bachelor's and master's as well.

### WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT PEOPLE WOULD BE SURPRISED TO LEARN ABOUT YOU?

People are surprised when I tell them that I am a wife, a mother of four children (two biological children and two step children) and a full-time worker, I also have a part-time job, and I accomplished all of this while earning my degrees. People are shocked that I balanced so many different roles.

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

I am proud to be a Bearcat because it helped me to become an empathetic, understanding, and caring person. Being a Bearcat has given me an appreciation for students that grow up in York City. It has given me the desire to give back to my community and to help future students be successful.



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

Soak up all available resources while you have the chance. I was a good student, but I could have been a lot better if I was more focused on what the school had to offer. I could have been more involved and really used available programs to my advantage.