

ALUMNI Spotlight

Allison Bailey '17



What was your college and career path?

I started Russell Sage College right after graduation, majoring in nursing. In the spring of 2018, I also enrolled in EMT school. During my time in EMT school, I realized my passion for EMS outweighed my passion for nursing school. I transferred to SUNY Adirondack while pregnant with my first daughter and continued classes part time for nursing school. My heart was still set on becoming a Paramedic so I started researching programs around the area. I had been a volunteer in EMS from the time I was 15 years old and my future goal has always been to eventually be a flight nurse or flight paramedic on a fixed wing aircraft or helicopter. After finishing my EMT schooling, I decided last minute to apply for the University of Vermont Elizabeth Town Community hospital paramedic program where I ended up being accepted and granted 2 scholarships for the program. Schooling for my paramedic lasted around 2 years with a roller-coaster ride of learning styles

due to COVID. I am currently working as a Paramedic at Bay Ridge Rescue Squad and I volunteer as a Paramedic at Fort Edward Rescue Squad.

What is your greatest professional accomplishment?

My greatest accomplishment thus far has been obtaining my National Registry Paramedic and NYS EMT- Paramedic licenses while having two children, getting married and building a house.

What do you like to do outside of work/school?

Outside of work, I spend most of my time with my husband, Ryan, and our two beautiful daughters, Brynlee and Kimberlyn. During the summer we enjoy traveling with my husband for work when possible. When we are not working, we enjoy camping on the weekends. I also enjoy assisting with local programs in the community that provide EMS and CPR courses.

What activities/sports did you participate in while at Fort Ann Central School?

During my time in high school, I participated in sports including, Softball, Soccer, Basketball and Golf. I was a member of SkillsUSA and attended state and national competitions for health occupations as well as leadership conferences.

What is your fondest memory of your time at Fort Ann Central School?

My fondest memory of my time at FACS is the friendships I had during my time there and as well as the core memory of winning a state softball championship with teammates that were also close friends.

Advice from Allison

"Regardless of how many times life may try to get in the way of your goals and your success, always keep pushing forward. Goals do not have to follow a timeline and just because you get off track does not mean your success isn't possible, it just means you worked harder to get there."