## **Megan Jennings**

This Pulaski Academy and Central School alumna is the senior program director at the YMCA of the Twin Tiers. Megan Jennings, a 2015 PACS graduate, said her role is to focus on the Shepherding program, which is an organized effort to ensure no one is forgotten, alone or isolated.

"Y staff and volunteers throughout the county call and connect with people during this time of solitude and uncertainty," said Jennings. "Our goal is to reach 12,000 people across all three of the counties we serve."

Jennings said these are difficult times for many people, especially those with unique preexisting challenges that could heighten during the COVID-19 crisis.

"Imagine the families who are already struggling financially, living paycheck to paycheck," said Jennings. "The news of losing a job is devasting, and it becomes more difficult to provide essential needs for their family. The Shepherding program is here to help with families like this and many more."

Lastly, Jennings wants to see the community rally around one another.

"It's all about people caring for people, and caring for their community," said Jennings. "So, pick up the phone, call your neighbor, call your friends; your call might just be their beacon of hope."

