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WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO BECOME A TEACHER?

"I [had] been working with young people throughout most of my teenage years and after college. I worked at summer camps during summer and then as a youth director for a while at a year-round outdoor education center with school groups. Then, I started working as a paraeducator at a residential facility school. I just fell in love with it and the schedule and routine and seeing the same students every day, so I just decided to get my teaching license."

WHAT RELIEVES STRESS IN YOUR LIFE?

"I try to go for a run every morning outside, winter [and] summer. I have ski goggles and all my little winter stuff. I'm out there making tracks in the snow at 5 a.m. and that helps a lot dealing with stuff. One thing that helps me leave work at work rather than take it home and spend all night working on things and responding to emails is my kids. Just knowing that I need to be someone else when I'm home and not be concerned with work."

WHAT ARE YOU LIKE AT HOME?

"My husband and I are both teachers, and so we're pretty committed to making sure our own kids are doing well at school but at the same time not trying to be overbearing. We're trying to just give them a balanced experience. I'm really proud of my kids. They're just super funny and fun to be around, and I enjoy spending time with my family and going out and about with them and just getting to know who they are as people."

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WHAT INSPIRES YOU TO KEEP TEACHING?

"It will be the moments during the day where I feel I've made an impact on a student. There's a lot of hard moments, but every day has some really meaningful interactions with kids that makes me think this is what I'm supposed to be doing."

WHAT WOULD YOU BE DOING IF YOU WEREN'T TEACHING?

"I have dreams of becoming a chef someday. All my dreams are based around travel, so even being a chef would involve travel, but I've always wanted to be a photographer."

WHAT ARE YOU MOST PASSIONATE ABOUT?

"Just getting outside one's comfort zone to experience life from another person's perspective, so being in the peace corp for two years was huge for me, because I was really able to understand what life was like for other people. I think that's why I teach language too."

WHAT'S AN IMPORTANT QUALITY YOU BELIEVE ALL **TEACHERS SHOULD POSSESS?**

"Kindness and compassion. I think that we are models to students of how to teach others so we have to always treat people kindly."

WHAT IS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

"Just to see the whole world. My problem is that I want to live in places. I don't want to just visit. I want to go and live there, so it means seeing less places but being there for longer times. And I think it's important to be in a place for a long time to understand it, not just visit like a tourist."

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