



Issaquah High Staff Profile

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Issaquah High Counselor (A-Col)



What is your education background?

I went to Garfield High School in Seattle before attending Whitworth College in Spokane where I studied Psychology. I then went to Seattle University to get my Masters of Education in Counseling.

Did you grow up around Issaquah? If not, where did you grow up and did that help shape the person you are today?

I grew up in North Seattle. My high school was very diverse and I loved getting to know people from different backgrounds.

What was your job/career before working at Issaquah High?

Before becoming a school counselor I helped coordinate behavioral research studies at Seattle Children's Hospital. I have also worked in the courts as a legal advocate for survivors of violent crime.



How many years have you been at Issaquah?

This is my third year as a counselor at IHS.

< I spent 48 hours traveling between San Francisco and Chicago by train. This photo was taken at the top of the Rocky Mountains in Colorado.

Tell us about your position at Issaquah High?

My idea of counseling is to help students be known, understood, and supported. My job isn't to give advice – you are the expert on yourself, not me. My promise is that my office is a judgement-free zone. All are welcome.

Is (was) volunteering part of your life?

I have served on the board of a non-profit organization and volunteered working with families going through cancer treatment.

What do you like to do outside of school?

My favorite thing to do is travel. I have been to over 50 countries and enjoy every part of the adventure of seeing new places.

Is there anything else special about you that you would like to share?

I want to meet and get to know more students! It has been a challenge with COVID; so please come by and say hello.

This summer I spent a few weeks touring around Greece including visiting the ancient theater in Epidavros. >



< Hiking through The Narrows in Zion National Park (Utah)