



# Mr. Kelley

## CU Boulder

### Senior Academy

### Dean

#### A Learning Experience that Changed Me:

My first year teaching was more of a learning experience for me rather than a place of learning for my students. I had to learn the differences between sympathy and empathy. How to help someone get through a tough place in life instead of just feeling sorry for someone. Dealing with others emotions but at the same time holding myself together to be a support system.

#### My Favorite Book:

Anansi the Spider: A Tale from the Ashanti by Gerald McDermott

#### My Hobbies and Interests:

You can find me doing a bunch of different things depending on the day. I enjoy going to the gym, playing soccer and tennis. I enjoy going for hikes and sometimes camping if the weather is nice. I also enjoy playing video games and reading comics from time to time. But my all time favorite thing to do is cooking and making hot sauce.

#### Prior Experience in Education:

During college I was a Math TA (Teaching Assistant) and Math Tutor for Intro to College Math up to Calculus 3. After college I taught 7th and 8th grade math for a year. Then I transitioned to high school math teaching Algebra 2 Honors and Pre-Calc Honors at DSST GVR and Montview.

#### Something Super-Unique About Me:

I can completely go from laughing at something, to going to a complete straight face in no time at all.

#### Why I am Excited About Working at DSST:

I know what it is like to be a student at DSST. I understand the difficulties, I know the hardships, but I also have experienced the outcome. I'm excited to make sure all students experience that outcome, and to travel the road together to get there. To finally realize that yes DSST was hard, and maybe wasn't the most fun at times but at the end of the day, if I can make it there I can make it anywhere.