



# Mr. Barraza

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# Math

### **A Learning Experience that Changed Me:**

One learning experience that changed me was my first year at CU Boulder. I would commute to Boulder from Denver every day and I would always do the homework by myself. It was very difficult to get through the material by myself and that is when I really learned to work with others. Having others there to support me was extremely beneficial so I wouldn't get overwhelmed with everything. Also, working with others is how the work life is so it's a skill that everyone needs to be able to do.

### **My Favorite Book:**

A time to kill, John Grisham

### **My Hobbies and Interests:**

I love to play basketball and golf. I also like playing video games when I get a chance (I just got a Nintendo Switch!). I also love going to the parks and seeing all of the cute dogs everyone has! I'm planning on getting a new dog soon to accompany my fish and turtle.

### **Prior Experience in Education:**

I have both my bachelors in Mechanical Engineering and my teaching license for high school and middle school math. I have a lot of background with math and group engineering projects. Feel free to come ask about the engineering projects I've worked on in the past.

### **Something Super-Unique About Me:**

Something super unique about me is that from the ages of 3-17 I spent my whole summers in Mexico. Right when the school year ended in May, my parents would drive my brother and I to Mexico and leave us there with our grandparents and would leave us there until they would return back in August in time for the beginning of the school year.

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

I am excited to be at a school that I've seen growing up and respected. I am honestly excited to be in a classroom with students and to get to know everyone!