



Ms. Bateson

Colorado

College

AP Literature

A Learning Experience that Changed Me:

Starting my own business—I was a freelance writer and editor—taught me an amazing amount about courage, perseverance, and responsibility. At times the experience was scary, but I wouldn't trade the learning I did during that time for anything!

My Favorite Book:

The *Lord of the Rings* trilogy. I've read all 3 books through more times than I want to admit. Plus, *A Severe Mercy*, by Sheldon Vanauken.

My Hobbies and Interests:

I love hiking, and I hike year round. My favorites are alpine lakes, backpacking for long distances, and 14ers. Though I have no intention of ever hiking all of 53 14ers, I have hiked 32, and I'm dang proud of that.

Prior Experience in Education:

I've taught 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade. My favorite grades to each is a tie between 8th and 12th (AP Lit). I am so excited to get to teach Lit again; it's my dream job for sure!

Something Super-Unique About Me:

When I tell some people about my food allergies--dairy, soy, eggs, gluten--they react with shock and horror. The thing is that the challenge of finding alternatives for the "big 4" has made me a more flexible and resourceful person, and I cannot be anything but happy about that!

Why I am Excited About Working at DSST:

I've grown more than I ever thought possible while teaching at DSST and learned to face my insecurities and to remember that I am doing my best and don't have to be perfect. These are the best lessons I could have expected to learn. And I only learned these lessons by the challenge that working at DSST provides me and also provides students. I am excited to teach in an environment that focuses on growth.