



Ms. Jones

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Humanities

A Learning Experience that Changed Me:

In fifth grade I had an English teacher who was passionate about Shakespeare. He transferred his passion for Shakespeare to his students by having us make and create puppets, then use the puppets to design our own presentation. By the end of the school year the entire class was able to embrace Shakespeare. I became more passionate about reading and strived to understand the concept, moral, and purpose of a story.

My Favorite Book:

My Big Umbrella by Robert Bright

My Hobbies and Interests:

Crafts and flower arrangements, sewing, gardening, reading

Prior Experience in Education:

My time in education began as superintendent for our church nursery; writing policy, instructing students, and creating curriculum for our pre-K through elementary students. While working with Adams County District Attorneys Office, as a legal advocate; conducting court school, advocating for victims and their rights, I volunteered with Americorp in 2010-2012, tutoring GED students and offering resources for clients of the Gathering Place Denver. Deciding education is my niche for helping others, I became a Humanities Fellow at Denver Center for 21st Century Learning, 2015-2016. In 2016, I was accepted into the Boettcher Teacher Residency Program and attended Adams State University Masters' of Education degree program, earning highly qualified teacher and Culturally Linguistic Language certification. A one year residency criteria was also completed at Aurora West Preparatory HS, engaging students in Geography, Civics, and AP Geo. The following two years, I was hired with Noel Community Arts MS, teaching History and Geography while caring for my mother. During mom's later months of life, I resigned from full time teaching and tutored part-time with Scholars Unlimited. Now I am glad and excited about being part of the DSST Byers team, to fully enrich students in Humanity and Literary studies!

Something Super-Unique About Me:

I was a child pageant superstar and one time bodybuilder. As a child and teen I entered several pageants, placed and won! It was an exciting time! Bodybuilding was a craft I attempted in 2010 and was encouraged to compete. I came in second for my first and only competition to date. It takes much discipline, but I challenged myself and succeeded! So I know with challenge and discipline comes reward, accomplishment, and personal goals achieved. Currently, I am married with five miracle children, all beginning with a Biblical "T" and one dog Titus. I am an active part of our church praise team, church school, and outreach ministries. I believe in community involvement and actively serve with non-profits; such as the Colorado Beutillion-Cotillion Inc., You Can Begin Again and past active member of Young Life Inc, all these non-profits empower youth. I love kids, enriching their lives to be the best version of themselves, for a better today and future tomorrow!

Why I am Excited About Working at DSST:

Being a part of DSST is exciting as this school has attained some of the best scores and outcomes from students without bias to race, nationality, ability, religion or ethnicity. DSST was the first school in Colorado to have 100% college acceptance rate. DSST has become a leader in our state at several school locations, proving that they have a unique way of supporting students to do their personal best in the classroom. While students are encouraged to accomplish their personal best they are acquiring skills which will last a lifetime! Learning determination, practice of self-discipline, and gaining confidence are soft skills students earn as a part of DSST. I am excited about teaching during that process. I am excited to meet students who will have gained from DSST self-advocacy, content knowledge, and transferable skills. I am excited to be a part of educators and administrators who genuinely support one another in and out of the classroom. I am excited to be a part of an organization who recognizes and rewards the success of their students, employees, and administrative staff. I am excited about being part of a positive school system that nurtures positive change in their students. I am excited to be a part of an education system that has supported my own children for over 10 years! I am excited to give back to students, the pedagogy I will gain as a teacher at DSST!