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As an alumnus of St. Joseph Parish School, what made you want to return as a teacher?

It was a simple decision. As a student, I loved St. Joseph Parish School: my classmates, the teachers, and even the hot lunch food. The community I felt as a student here was palpable. Students were taught to respect one another and uphold the values of the Lord's teachings. Teachers showed they loved the students, habitually, even when that love was undeserved. Every adult in the building and around campus was obviously in our corner, saw the best in all of us, and helped nurture us however they could. It was this very sense of community that I felt I was missing in my previous position. I wanted to return to a place that felt like a home away from home - not just for me, but for my students as well. My hope is that I can help my students see education and school as it should be: a place to feel safe and happy, a place to grow spiritually, and finally, a place to make mistakes and learn.

When did you realize you wanted a career in English and Language Arts?

The first time I considered teaching as a potential career was while I was in middle school. I entered sixth grade as a timid speaker who lacked confidence and was frequently too shy to share my opinions and express my thoughts in school. It was the unique teaching style of my middle school teacher that opened my eyes to the possibilities of English and Language Arts class. Writing was the key. Over the course of grades 6, 7, and 8, I learned the importance of developing my voice in writing. After countless hours of long afternoons in the very classroom I now teach, I learned how to be a confident writer - and from that branched my confidence in speaking. From my experiences here in middle school, I recognized firsthand the value of English class as a foundation for everything else. I believe English class serves as the seed to a fruitful education and well-rounded student.

Where are you originally from?

I am from Grafton originally. I escaped Wisconsin for the past five years to pursue a life in Charleston, SC. Family and friends let me home.

What are your hobbies?

I partake in trivia games quite often. Beyond that distraction, I play plenty of volleyball, tennis and basketball. On the weekends, I love a good strategy board game with friends.

What is your favorite food and beverage?

Indian butter chicken and ice water (with circular ice pellets, of course!)