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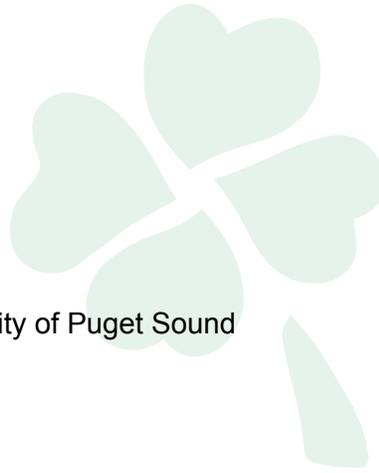
City and state: Lakewood, WA

High school attended: Lakes High School

Graduation year: 1979

Colleges attended/degrees earned:

- Bachelor of Arts in politics and government, University of Puget Sound
- Teaching certificate, Pacific Lutheran University



Current career/job:

Teacher at Woodbrook Middle School

Describe your current career/job:

I teach sixth- through eighth-graders in the Life Skills program.

Describe the path you took from high school graduation to where you are today:

I went to the University of Washington for my freshman year of college, but decided that the smaller environment of the University of Puget Sound better suited me. After college, I worked as a paraeducator at Custer and Evergreen Elementary Schools. Then, I went back to college to obtain a teaching certificate.

How did your experiences in Clover Park School District help prepare you for this path?

I had excellent teachers, principals and advisors who guided me throughout my time in the district.

Who was the most influential teacher or administrator to you as a student in the district? Why?

Mrs. Roberson was my second grade teacher. She took a shy student and created a person who loved to study and interact with others.

What was the most valuable thing you learned while attending school in Clover Park School District?

The most valuable thing I learned was that education is the key to a successful life.

Do you have any favorite memories from when you attended school in Clover Park School District?

Watching my brother and the Lakes High School band do the 100 year boogie after each football game.

What advice do you have for Clover Park School District students?

Study hard! There are great rewards in your future.

What opportunities exist in your career sector for new graduates? Is post-secondary education required for this field?

Yes. College is required.