

Jane McCarthy

City and state: Seattle, WA

High school attended: Clover Park High School

Graduation year: 1990

Colleges attended/degrees earned:

University of Washington, Bachelor of Arts, Communications



Current career/job:

Television news reporter, KING 5 News

Describe your current career/job:

I am a reporter and fill-in anchor for daily news broadcasts.

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

I attended the University of Washington, where I took several communications classes. I landed an internship with KIRO radio and the people there encouraged me to do a TV internship too. I got my first TV job in Coos Bay, OR.

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

I became interested in writing with the help of Clover Park's teachers. I also wrote for the school newspaper, which helped to spark my interest in news. After-school activities, like playing tennis, also helped me build confidence.

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

Mr. Masters. I recall he was very engaged and an expert at getting students to tap into their own creativity.

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

Teachers helped me prepare for the future. Along with my parents, they encouraged me to apply to college and were an integral part in my acceptance to the University of Washington.

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

I loved when the teachers would dress up in costumes for pep assemblies. Who doesn't love to see their teacher in a funny costume?

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

Education is a gift to be treasured. Show me an adult who didn't graduate from high school and I'll show you an adult who likely wishes he or she did.

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

Post secondary education is generally required in my field.