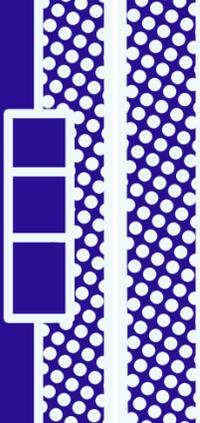
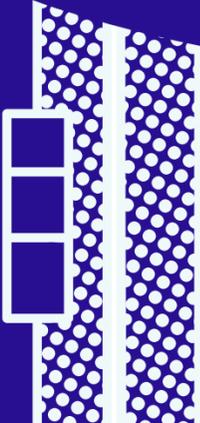
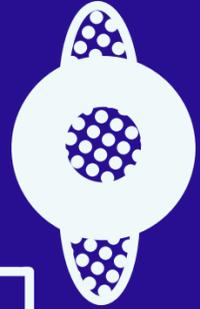
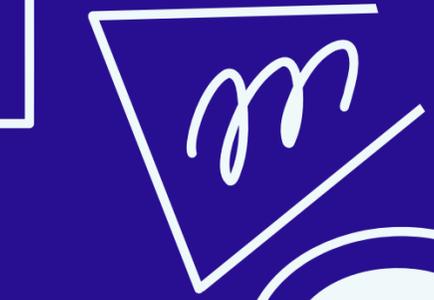
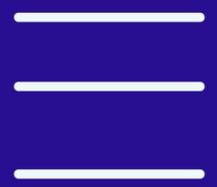
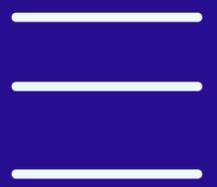
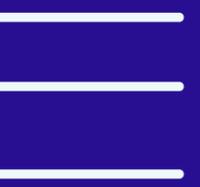
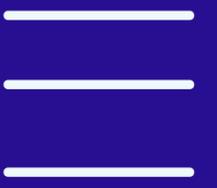
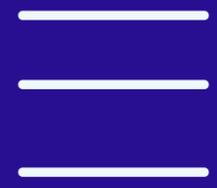
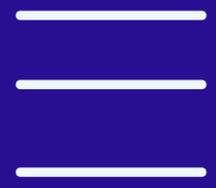
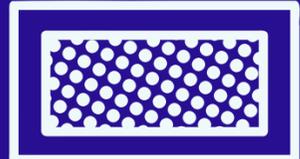
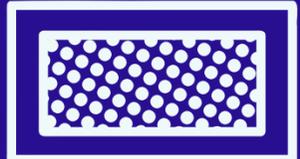
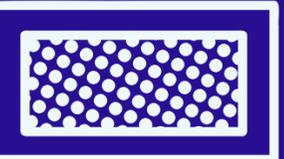
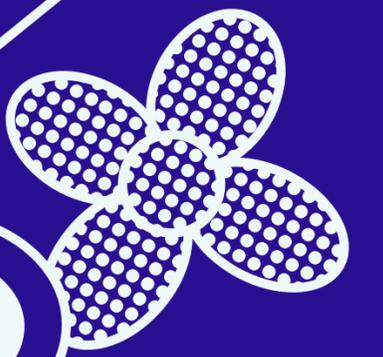
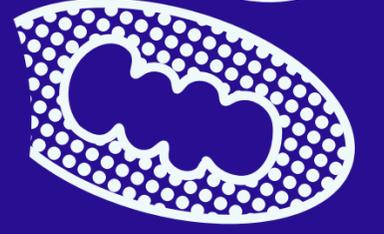
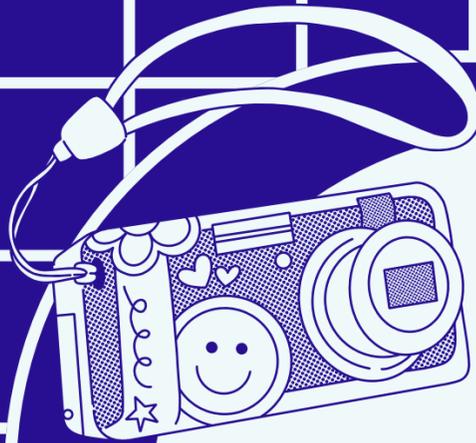


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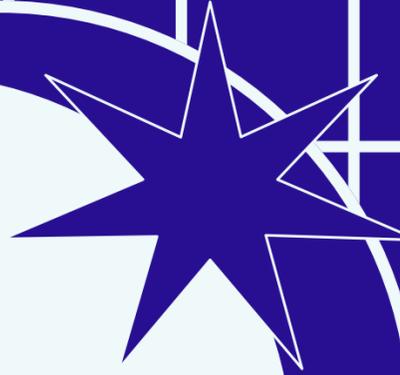
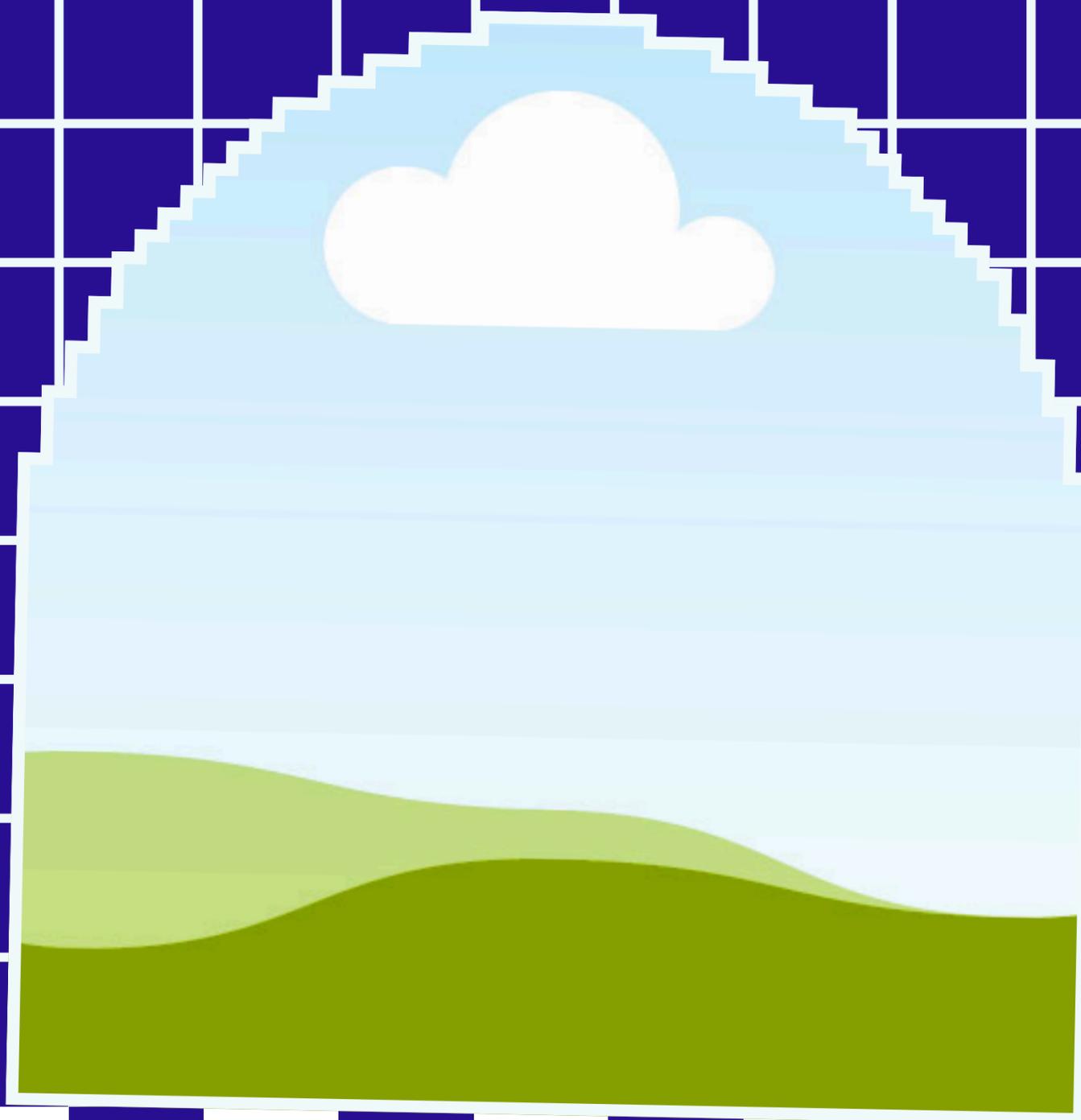




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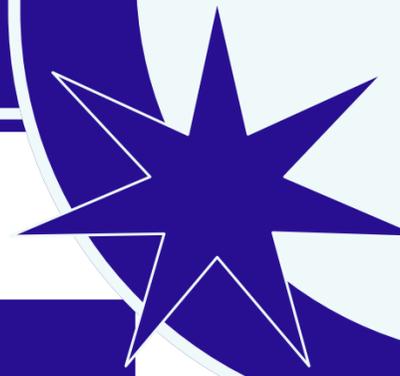
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HIGH SCHOOL LIVE

I graduated in 1998 from
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Phoenix, AZ.



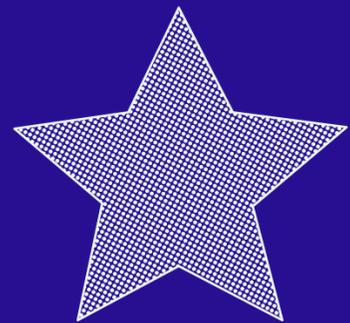
★ **AMY THOMPSON** ★

In high school, I hoped to be able to leave Phoenix, live on my own and support myself after graduation.

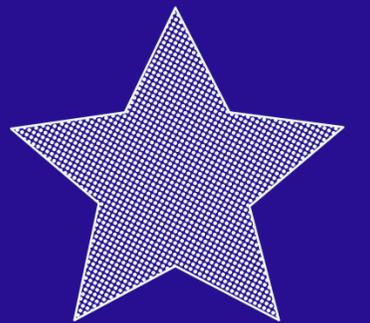
I hoped to find a job that made me happy, even if it didn't pay much.

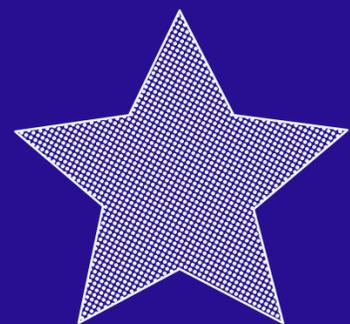
**My dream school
was University
of Arizona!**

**My dream job
was becoming an
English
professor.**

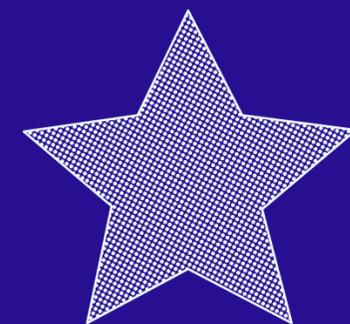


MY DREAMS





LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL



I went to U of A,
moved out on my
own, and got a
job.

I kept straight A's
and worked 30 - 40
hours/week, so I
didn't have much
time for fun.

I loved school, but I
also started to hate
it. I fought to do my
best, even when I
wanted a break.

CHALLENGES

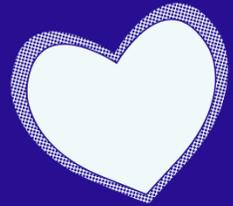
I was always trying to make more money, which put stress on every other part of my life.

I never gave up a shift. My mom would beg me to come home to visit, but I didn't want to lose the money from not working.

CHALLENGES

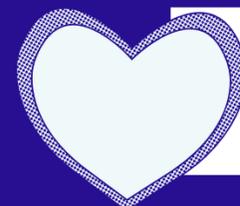
When I started my master's degree, I realized that I didn't want to be a professor after all.

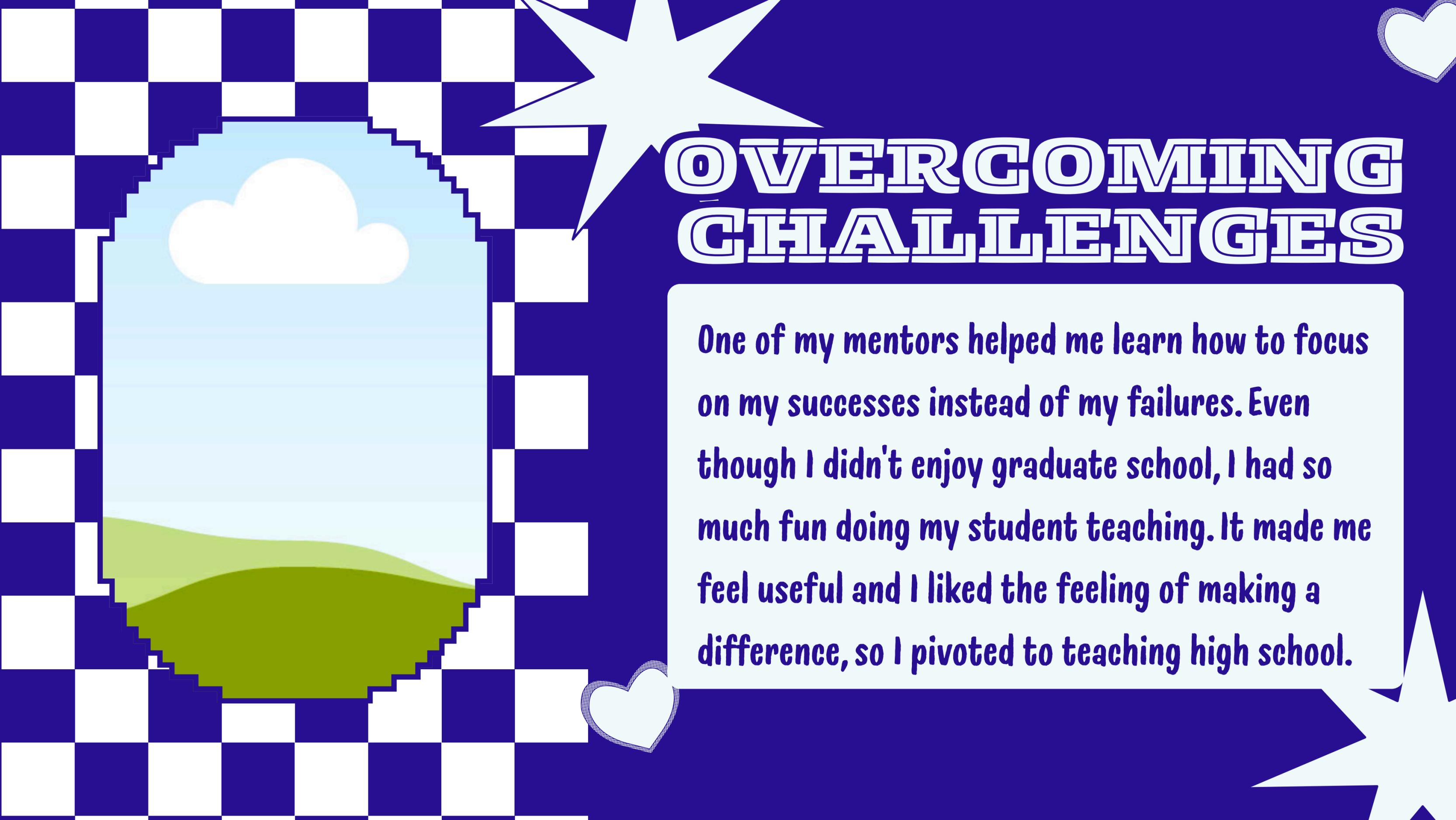
I felt like I had wasted money and gave up my time with my mom for no reason.



OVERCOMING CHALLENGES

I had a support system here in Tucson, and I realized that these people were my chosen family. Leaning on them and trusting them with my struggles made me feel seen and helped me feel strong again.



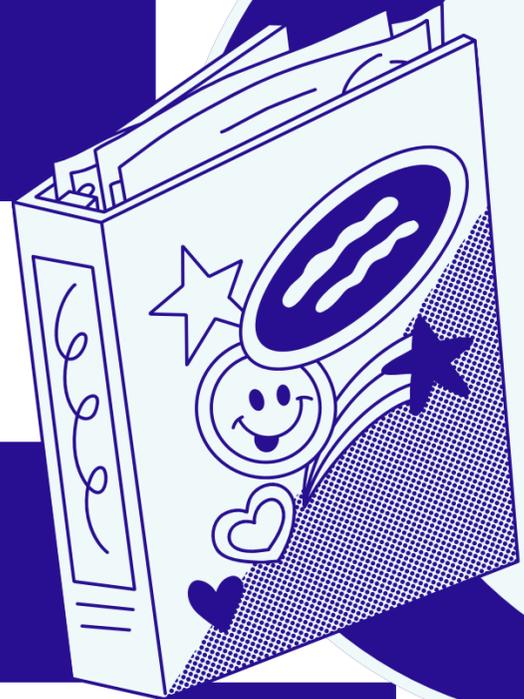


OVERCOMING CHALLENGES

One of my mentors helped me learn how to focus on my successes instead of my failures. Even though I didn't enjoy graduate school, I had so much fun doing my student teaching. It made me feel useful and I liked the feeling of making a difference, so I pivoted to teaching high school.

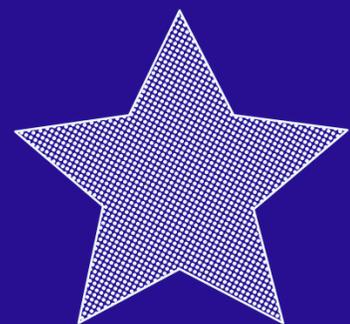
★ MY PROFESSION ★

I've been teaching at Pueblo since 2003. I taught English until 2011, when I switched to teaching Broadcast Journalism. I also coached Swimming and Tennis from 2003 - 2016. I love that I get to work with kids who make me hopeful and inspire me to keep improving.

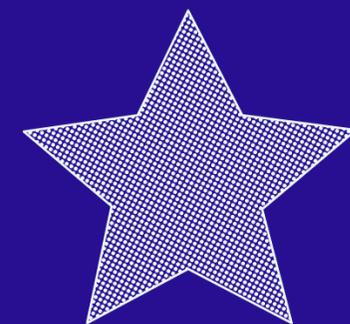


A DAY IN MY LIFE AS A TEACHER

- Get ready for the day, prep materials and classroom
- Greet students and find out how they're doing before each class
- Teach lessons, give feedback, assess student progress
- Interact with each student in some way before the end of the period
- Record feedback, progress, issues; communicate student needs
- Meet with colleagues & reply to emails
- Evaluate wins/losses for the day and make plans for tomorrow!



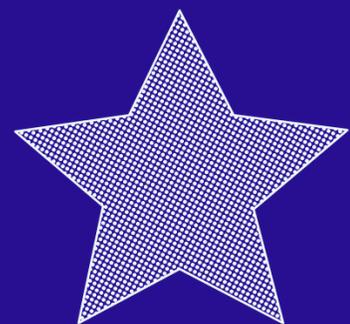
WHY I LOVE THIS JOB



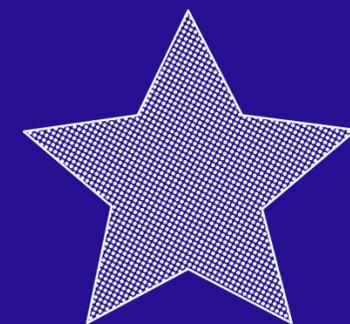
Kids are still hopeful about the future and open to possibilities. They still believe in dreams.

Every day feels new. As soon as I get comfortable, my students find a new way to challenge me.

I get to work with people, not products, which makes me feel like I'm making a difference instead of just making someone else money.



MY SKILLS



I'm disciplined. I can work through obstacles, and I don't quit when things get hard.

I enjoy challenges. When things are easy, I get bored, and luckily, this job is never easy.

I am good at teaching! I learned early on that I had a skill for helping people learn new things, so I've been teaching my entire life.

**BEING A
CAPTAIN
OF A TEAM**

**GOING TO
COLLEGE**

**BECOMING
A MOM**

★ THE JOURNEY ★



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**"Success is not the key to happiness.
Happiness is the key to success."
So...DO WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY!**

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