ALUMNI PROFILES

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Class of 2005

What is your hometown?
Lexington, Kentucky and Managua, Nicaragua

What was your major?
English Education

What was your favorite Honors College course?
Not sure if it was honors or not, but my favorite course was “Literature and Ideas” with Dr. Mary Brown. I loved the discussions we had and the papers we wrote. It also introduced me to one of my all time favorite books, Steinbeck’s East of Eden.

What was your final thesis topic?
“Motivation in the Classroom”

What was your favorite experience in the Honors College?
Forum... I loved getting to experience new things like going to Connor Prairie or seeing Julius Caesar at the IRT.

What is your current career/vocation?
I’m a high school English teacher at Westfield High School. I am teaching ninth and tenth grade English as well as a creative writing course. This is my eighth year at WHS!

In what ways have your experiences in the Honors College prepared you for life now?
The Honors College gave me the opportunity to have in-depth discussions and challenge WHY I believe what I believe. The opportunities to shape myself as an intellectual and the discussions and cultural experiences I participated in helped prepare me for being a teacher. I have learned how to ask good questions with both my co-workers and students, as well as how to be an insightful listener.

If you could give one piece of advice to students who are now in the Honors College, what would it be?
Take time to enjoy your experiences and build relationships. Stop, breath, and realize that this is just ONE season of your life. Make the most of it while you are there.