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# Resume

## Experience

May 2020

- Accepted into the nursing program at **William Jewell College** as an accelerated track BSN – RN student
- Certified in **Basic Life Support** and **Basic First Aid**

August 2016 – May 2020

- Attended **Metropolitan Community College, Blue River Campus**, pre-requisite science classes for nursing school
- **Fort Osage School District, Independence, Missouri** – *Substitute teacher and Paraprofessional, K-12*
  - Volunteer band mom/chaperone on numerous road trips for the Fort Osage School Marching Band

December 1991 – January 2015

- **The Kansas City Star.** – *Narrative Feature Writer covering military and medical stories*
  - First female journalist from The Star to cover war in Iraq and Afghanistan, embedded with troops. Travelled in C-130s, and Chinook helicopters, writing about the troops' daily lives
  - Sent quickly to disasters as The Star's jump reporter: Hurricane Katrina, (embedded with FEMA); Joplin tornado, and smaller events with tornados, floods, accidents
  - Known for ability to engage people who previously refused to talk with media
  - Awarded a journalism scholarship to a seminar on Critical Incident Stress in War and Disasters, in Washington D.C.
  - Gave numerous speeches about reporting in war zones and disasters, including one after the Joplin tornado, on Critical Incident Stress to nursing staff at North Kansas City Hospital
  - Won the Pulliam National Writing Award for a medical series on a baby named Zeke, born with Trisomy 13, and how perinatal hospice care for families first began and how it has changed

August 2002 – May 2008

- **The Kansas City Jazz Orchestra, Kansas City, Missouri** – *Bass Trombonist*
  - Played professional jazz concerts throughout Kansas City in this band and several others

January 1992 – July 1997

- **Diva: No Man's Band, New York, New York – Bass Trombonist**
  - Traveled around the world, playing concerts from Carnegie Hall to Rome
  - Taught area private lessons, and at high school/college band clinics
  - Freelanced articles to music journals, travel magazines and newspapers

June 1988 – October 1989

- **Norwegian Cruise Line, Carnival Cruise Line, American Hawaii Cruises – Bass Trombonist**
  - Worked as cruise ship musician in Caribbean and Hawaii

August 1983 – June 1985

- **Denton Hospital, Denton, Texas – Outpatient Surgery Registration Clerk**
  - Gathered patients' personal and insurance information

January 1980 – June 1983

- **St. Anthony's Hospital, Columbus, Ohio – Weekend Emergency Room Clerk**
  - First point of contact for patients; gathered personal and insurance information

## Education

- **William Jewell College – Bachelor of Science in Nursing (expected graduation: 2021)**
- **Metropolitan Community College, Blue River Campus – pre-requisites for nursing school (GPA: 3.8)**
- **University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas – Master of Journalism (1994)**
- **University of North Texas, Denton, Texas – Master of Music (1988)**
- **Capital University Conservatory of Music, Columbus, Ohio – Bachelor of Music (1983)**

## Professional Affiliations

- Society of Professional Journalists
- Military Editors and Writers
- Kansas City Federation of Musicians, AFL-CIO

## Personal Achievements

- Married 28 years to Keith
- Mother to two children; Hannah, 19 and Jesse, 12, both IVF successes after years of infertility
- Earned Black Belt in Taekwondo, May 2018
- A wolf-watcher/primitive camper in Yellowstone National Park for more than nine summers