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### Short Bio:

I was born in Pensacola, FL to a mom who is a nurse and a dad who was in the Navy. My older sister was born in Honolulu, HI three years previous. I was moved to Ridgecrest, CA for a couple of years before settling in Eastern, MT. So, while I wasn't technically born here, I have definitely been raised as a Montanan. I grew up on a ranch along the Yellowstone River between Miles City and Terry. I played Basketball/Volleyball/Softball growing up along with working on the ranch and some small amount of farming. I learned a great work ethic from my parents which I have tried to maintain throughout my adulthood.

I graduated from Terry HS in 2005 and moved on to Rocky Mountain College in Billings where I played volleyball and majored in science. I graduated in 2010 with a Bachelor of Science degree, and the plan of becoming a physical therapist or an athletic trainer. I sort of fell into the hospitality industry by accident and a little luck. I was working for a gym in Billings where the owner happened to also own a hotel. In order to move to a role where I would have a higher wage and greater potential to grow into a career, I transitioned from a front desk employee at the gym to the catering coordinator/event planner for one of the largest hotels in Billings — The Billings Hotel and Convention Center.

I worked for the BHCC for just over 2 years when I had the opportunity to move to a new hotel: The Crowne Plaza. I started as the Crowne Meeting Director, moved to SMERF Sales, and eventually worked as a Corporate Sales Manager. While I was working in Corporate Sales, our management company was looking for someone to move to Walla Walla, WA to open a Courtyard by Marriott hotel as the Director of Sales. I applied and was lucky enough to be selected for the position.

I was at that hotel for 5 years before my husband and I decided we needed to get closer to home (he is from Denton, MT). Missoula had always been our half-way stopover on the long drives home from Walla Walla and we had been very intrigued by the beauty of this fun town. We moved here in 2019 when my husband because working as the Office Manager of Knife River and then I begin my position as the DOS of the DoubleTree shortly after. We have been having an amazing time exploring and trying to take in all we can. While there is still much to do, we enjoy taking part in the many fun downtown activities and talking our dog for walks all around.