



## THIS IS A DRAFT—WORK IN PROGRESS!!!!

### About Me



“Living in the Gold Country and Loving It!” This has become my motto, as I enjoy all Northern California offers with its beautiful hiking trails, rivers, and lakes. I grew up in Sacramento, CA where I attended local schools including C.K. McClatchy High School. From there, I ventured across the Yolo Causeway to UC Davis where I spent four amazing years and discovered my future was to be in education. But wait, my parents told me, “Don’t be a teacher!” All four of them (yes, I have step parents) were teachers, and they wanted me to experience something other than the life I knew. I grew up living the teacher lifestyle helping set up my mom’s classroom and enjoying the long holidays with my parents at home. Naturally, my choice became clear to follow in my parents’ footsteps and lead a life doing something I know and love: teaching. My commitment to this lifestyle became so strong that I even married a teacher. Each day, I am thankful to live in a beautiful place and to have a career I truly love.



### Special Talent

Teaching middle school English is absolutely a talent that I have practiced and refined over the last 20 years! I thrive on teaching, and I am a lifelong learner. Whenever people find out that I am a middle school teacher, they always say, “Wow! That must be difficult!” Some even say, “I could never do that!” Another observation is, “Hmmm. You must be crazy!” Hearing these responses over the years has made me realize that I truly love what I do, and I am thankful to be in a gratifying profession. I look forward to seeing the faces of 8<sup>th</sup> graders each day. They are the reason I come to work. My students are kind, humorous, sensitive, capable, uncomfortable in their skin sometimes, and discovering who they are. For them, this is an exciting and difficult time in life! I am glad I can relate and guide them through. Therefore, teaching middle school is my special talent.

### Memorable Experience

The beautiful Santa Cruz Mountains, surrounded by fog with the sun peeking through, are where I found out that I could teach! All of college, I planned on being an environmental lawyer, creating the perfect resume as I navigated internships with different firms and took all the right classes. Each summer, however, I took off to work as a camp counselor at some of the most beautiful camps in the United States. It was being a camp counselor that revealed my ability to teach. This was an environment in which I thrived and energized while teaching tennis, drama, cooking (not my natural forte), and art. I found that I smoothly eased into working with young people, and I looked forward to each new day. Every one of my letters written home described camp life and the joy and gratification I found in working with young people. Realizing a new found passion, I changed my direction and enrolled in a teaching credential program. 20 years later, I’m still teaching because of one memorable summer spent in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

### PROFILE INFO

- Teaches 8th Grade English and AVID at GOMS
- Graduate of UC Davis
- Lives in Auburn, CA
- Married to Tony Camillucci

### LIKES:



Reading



Yoga

Walking Beethoven

Technology

The Color Green

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