

Comet Inspiring Leaders

Miss Annabell Short- 1st Grade Teacher



Educational Background: I attended St. Thomas from Kindergarten through eighth grade, and I graduated from STS in 2014! Then, I completed all four years of high school at Peoria Notre Dame. I then attended Illinois State University for four years, earning my Bachelor of Science in Public Relations. After working in Chicago for a couple years, my heart felt pulled back to the central Illinois area. I wanted to find a career that would allow me to serve my community in the best way I possibly could, and that was when I was inspired to pursue a career in teaching from the University of West Florida.

Why I teach in a Catholic School: The values that St. Thomas instilled in me has greatly influenced the person I am today. Having Christ at the center of everything we do is something I have carried with me into adulthood. I remember when I lived in Chicago, I was very intimidated and unsure about the environment around me. However, when I would go to Mass, I felt a sense of peace and belonging. It felt like home. I teach at a Catholic School with the hope to teach and inspire students to walk with Christ each day and put Him first in all that you do.

Hobbies/Interests: In my free time, trying new restaurants or going on a fun road trip are some of my favorite activities! I also love to be outside walking, hiking, swimming, or just relaxing. However, my absolute favorite things to do are reading and crocheting!

Who inspires you: My parents inspire me. My Mom's selflessness and friendly spirit inspire me to slow down and connect with the people around me. My Dad's determination and perseverance inspires me to chase the dreams I have. They have shaped me into the person I am today.

Dream meal: I'd love to travel to Europe someday and try as much food as possible! Pasta, bread, cheese, you name it!

My favorite teacher was: Mrs. Miller was my favorite teacher. She taught me the balance between fun and hard work. She also taught me that you can do both at the same time. She challenged me in all the right ways and showed me what kind of student I wanted to be.

Outside of school: Outside of school I spend the most time with my family and friends. You can find us relaxing at home, going out to fun restaurants, or taking road trips to Chicago for shopping and a Cubs game! We also love to ride roller coasters at Six Flags in St. Louis!

