



Christina M. Kerns

Resides: Lawrence, KS

Hometown: Wichita, Kansas

Education:

- ◆ BA 2004—Communication
- ◆ M.Ed. 2006—Higher Education and Student Affairs (University of South Carolina)

Professional background:

- ◆ University of Idaho (Coordinator, ASUI Student Engagement), 2006-2012
- ◆ University of Kansas (Program Coordinator), 2012—present

Special honors/awards:

- ◆ Alumni Award for Excellence, University of Idaho

Special interests/hobbies:

- ◆ Spending time with family
- ◆ Spending time outdoors
- ◆ Crafting
- ◆ Reading

Favorite memory as a Hornet:

There are too many great moments to have a favorite, but I'm most thankful for my involvement in ASG. I worked alongside amazing students and a tremendously supportive staff. This experience not only gave me invaluable skills, but also illuminated a career path that I wasn't aware was available prior to getting involved. I would not be in higher education administration if it had not been for that experience, and I now find myself being able to support students in their development the way that I was supported. I'm grateful every day for this gift.

Favorite college class or professor and why:

Barbara Bleeker. Though I graduate with a degree in communication, I spent my first three years studying elementary education. I was fortunate enough to have her as my initial advisor, and she taught a Children's Literature class that I loved. She was incredibly kind as I struggled with the decision to leave elementary education, and was always a patient listener despite my tears (there were many). I believe that I've modeled a lot of the way I've approached advising and caring for students after the example she set for me.

I'm also infinitely thankful to Kenna Reeves and Myrna Cornett-DeVito for showing this same level of support once I transferred to Communication. Their passion for students and their field of study made me quickly love my new major.

Committee Assignment:

- ◆ Legislative Committee

Special Projects:

- ◆ Work with student affairs/professional groups to plan events at upcoming conferences.