





By President Amy Willman, Class of 1987

- I attended NSD in 1977 when I was about four or five years old. The picture of me was taken when I was in first grade.
- During my junior year, my parents and I moved to Phoenix, AZ. I attended the Phoenix Day School for the Deaf from 1988 to 1989. That year was my best in terms of personal growth and basketball experience. During that time, the school was part of the Class C basketball league.
- 3. We moved back to Omaha from Phoenix within a year. I was granted senior status again, allowing me to play one more year of sports.
- We won the Great Plains School for the Deaf (GPSD) basketball championship in 1991. Additionally, we achieved an impressive record of 10-0 against other deaf schools.



- 5. I prefer swimming in the ocean rather than in a lake.
- In 1991, I enrolled at Gallaudet University, located on the NWC campus. I graduated in 1998 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation and Leadership Programming.
- During my time at Gallaudet, I had the opportunity to act in a movie titled "Raving for One." It was my first acting experience, and I loved it. Click this link to watch the movie.
 - https://media.gallaudet.edu/media/Raving+For+One+%2 81997%29/1 2x6wv60t

- 8. I moved to Austin in 2004 because of my wife, who was my girlfriend at the time, and I lived there for 14 years. I worked at the Texas School for the Deaf for 10 years in several different positions. We moved back to Nebraska to be closer to family.
- 9. I never played football until my senior year because I didn't want to break a bone. I regret not playing during my high school years.
- 10. My family is Deaf. My wife, Heidi Hottle-Jeffery, is from Texas, and our daughter, Jadaella, is currently a 9th grader at the Kansas School for the Deaf. We moved there a few months ago.
- 11. I had never owned a cat until this past August. We got a new kitten, a Russian Blue named Paris. I love having her around and being spoiled!
- 12. I have been following LeBron James since he started his NBA career at age 18 in Cleveland.
- 13. I am a sneakerhead and collect high-end sneakers as a hobby. I have over 30 pairs in my collection.
- Mary Colonia
- 14. I have traveled to 39 states, and my bucket list includes visiting the remaining 11 states.
- I have visited several countries, including Australia, Canada, Grand Cayman, Jamaica, and Mexico.



