



Katherine Lusson - Arizona Coyotes

Katherine's hometown team is the Arizona Coyotes. She teaches 6th grade Math and Science at Happy Valley School and has been a teacher for 19 years. Katherine became a teacher because she believes education is the key to a successful life. Katherine is passionate about being present for her students and making meaningful connections with them. Katherine loves the "light bulb moments" when her students understand a difficult math concept. Katherine also enjoys incorporating hands-on science activities in her lessons to help her students learn.

Dr. Susan Hall - Boston Bruins

Dr. Susan Hall's hometown team is the Boston Bruins. She teaches 7th grade STEM at King Philip Middle School and has been a teacher for 33 years. Susan became a teacher due to her passion for learning and believes you can learn something new every day no matter your age. Susan loves teaching for the "aha" moments when her students figure out code, how to balance an equation or are amazed by the world they live in. Through her lessons, Susan connects her classes to the community to allow her students to foster an understanding of differing opinions and backgrounds.

Melanie Stolzenberg - Buffalo Sabres

Melanie's hometown team is the Buffalo Sabres. She teaches 4th grade Math, Science, and ELA at Royalton Hartland Elementary School and has been a teacher for 17 years. Melanie became a teacher because of her love for community service, specifically giving back to students. One of Melanie's favorite parts about teaching is seeing the "light" come into her students' eyes when a new concept clicks. Outside of the classroom, Melanie is a member of several local community organizations including the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) where she serves as President.

Megan Furr - Carolina Hurricanes

Megan's hometown team is the Carolina Hurricanes. She teaches 4^h grade ELA and Social Studies at Charles E. Boger Elementary School and has been a teacher for seven years. Megan's favorite part about teaching is inspiring her students to read and helping them find their passion through education. Megan enjoys using sports as a tool to engage with her students and to make learning even more interesting. Outside of the classroom Megan coaches soccer in her local community.

Amani Ghusein - Chicago Blackhawks

Amani's hometown team is the Chicago Blackhawks. She teaches Pre-K, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 8th grade STEM Lab at Charles Gates Dawes Elementary School and has been a teacher for 19 years. Amani loves teaching because she wants to help shape young minds and instill the love of science in her students. Amani strives to empower the next generation of scientists and innovators through curiosity and independent thinking. Outside of the classroom, Amani actively pursues professional development opportunities and volunteers with community-based organizations.

Melissa Matzen - Colorado Avalanche

Melissa's hometown team is the Colorado Avalanche. She teaches K-5th grade STEAM Lab at Bristol Elementary School and has been a teacher for 14 years. Melissa is passionate about creating safe, positive, and collaborative learning environments where students can explore through engaged hands-on experiences. She enjoys watching her students learn how to collaborate, solve authentic real word problems, and persevere through difficult moments. Outside of the classroom, Melissa leads extracurricular school clubs that are focused on STEM.

Jessica Faulkner - Dallas Stars

Jessica's hometown team is the Dallas Stars. She teaches 6th grade Math and Science at Remyne Elementary School and has been a teacher for three years. Jessica became a teacher after being inspired by the many wonderful educators who influenced her. Jessica is passionate about developing strong relationships with her students and creating a difference in their lives. Jessica loves teaching for the "aha" moments she encounters when her students understand a concept. Outside of the classroom, as a former youth travel hockey player she now coaches the local youth hockey team.

Stephanie Brazell - Detroit Red Wings

Stephanie's hometown team is the Detroit Red Wings. She teaches 6th grade Language Arts and Social Studies at Trillium Academy and has been a teacher for 12 years. Stephanie's favorite part about teaching is the community she has created with her students and coworkers. Stephanie enjoys watching her middle school students grow into amazing young adults. Outside of the classroom, Stephanie leads the Parent, Educator Organization (PEO), organizes school dances, field days, summer school classes, and has also created a school safety crossing program for students.

Anika Slevinsky - Edmonton Oilers

Anika's hometown team is the Edmonton Oilers. She teaches Grade 6 Language Arts, Art and Social Studies at Sacred Heart School and has been a teacher for four years. Anika loves teaching because of the important relationships she can build with her students. Anika feels privileged to impact the way children learn and see the world. Anika believes the positive influences made by teachers are never forgotten by students and the community.

Kristian Gellibert - Florida Panthers

Kristian's hometown team is the Florida Panthers. He teaches 5th grade Math and Science at Avant Garde Academy and has been a teacher for seven years. Kristian loves teaching because he enjoys the exciting moments when a new concept is understood by his students. Kristian is passionate about making an impact in his students' lives and being a mentor. Outside of the classroom, Kristian enjoys volunteering with his school's STEM Club where he teaches robotics.

Nicholas Merges - Minnesota Wild

Nicholas's hometown team is the Minnesota Wild. He teaches 4th grade Math at O.H. Anderson Elementary School and has been a teacher for eight years. Nicholas began his career in education as a 5th grade teacher after graduating from college with an Elementary Education degree. Nicholas strives to show students how the curriculum they are learning in the classroom is present in their everyday lives, which is why he enjoys using Future Goals™ program with his students. Outside of the classroom, Nicholas plays hockey in his local Adult Rookie League.

John Titus - New Jersey Devils

John's hometown team is the New Jersey Devils. He teaches 5th grade Science and Social Studies at Stony Brook Elementary School and has been a teacher for 20 years. John loves teaching in his hometown and pursued the opportunity to do so given the wonderful community of students, parents, and staff at his school. John was inspired by his own teachers growing up to become an educator and even had the opportunity to work with one of his former teachers during his tenure. Outside of the classroom, John served as the head volleyball coach at Caldwell University and is now the Director of Sports Development for the New Jersey and New York areas for USA Volleyball.

Dora Schaffer - New York Rangers

Dora's hometown team is the New York Rangers. She teaches K-5th grade Technology and Computer Science at P.S. 54 and has been a teacher for 21 years. Dora is passionate about positively shaping young minds by inspiring and motivating her students. Throughout Dora's career she has always encouraged her students to achieve success and supported colleagues, fostering a collaborative educational environment.

William Doyle - Ottawa Senators

William's hometown team is the Ottawa Senators. He teaches Grade 5 at Goulds Elementary School and has been a teacher for 29 years. William became a teacher because he enjoys working with young people and believes in their potential. William enjoys watching his students light up when they have learned something new and enjoys creating a learning environment that keeps his students engaged. Outside of the classroom, William is an active volunteer with several charitable organizations.

Jen Goldberg - Philadelphia Flyers

Jen's hometown team is the Philadelphia Flyers. She teaches K-4th grade Technology at Penn Valley Elementary School and has been a teacher for 25 years. Jen knew she wanted to become a teacher when she was a young student and was motivated to do so by her former teachers. They encouraged her to reach her full potential and she wants to do the same for her students. Jen loves teaching because of the relationships she creates and the memorable impact she makes. Outside of the classroom, Jen volunteers at her local church and school district.

Matthew Malarik - Pittsburgh Penguins

Matthew's hometown team is the Pittsburgh Penguins. He teaches 7th-12th grade Science at Purchase Line High School and has been a teacher for 22 years. Matthew was inspired to become a teacher when he realized he enjoyed helping others learn. Outside of the classroom, Matthew started a fishing club at his school help his students learn how to fish and provide them with fishing tournament opportunities.

Heather McMaster - Seattle Kraken

Heather's hometown team is the Seattle Kraken. She teaches 3rd grade General Education at Samantha Smith Elementary School and has been a teacher for seven years. Heather became a teacher to inspire and empower her students to stand up for others. Heather enjoys watching her students grow and develop their talents to give back to their communities. Outside of the classroom, Heather co-leads a Student Leadership program that participates in various charitable events.

Clinton Jacks - Tampa Bay Lightning

Clinton's hometown team is the Tampa Bay Lightning. He teaches 6th -8th grade Engineering, Technology, and Computer Programming at Meigs Middle School and has been a teacher for one year. Clinton is passionate about working with students and became a teacher to be a positive influence for them. Outside of the classroom, Clinton is the school's Track and Field coach and assistant Football coach and is also an active volunteer for nonprofit organizations that support underserved youth.

Leilani Garel - Toronto Maple Leafs

Leilani's hometown team is the Toronto Maple Leafs. She teaches Grade 4-8 Math, Religion, and Language at St. Francis Xavier Catholic School and has been a teacher for 14 years. Leilani aspires to instill a love for learning and critical thinking in her students, which goes beyond the classroom. Leilani became a teacher because she believes in the transformative power of education. Outside of the classroom, Leilani is a coach for the junior basketball academy, tutors and volunteers with a local nonprofit organization teaching others about agriculture and food sustainability.

Scott McMurtry - Winnipeg Jets

Scott's hometown team is the Winnipeg Jets. He teaches Grade 6 at Warren Elementary School and has been a teacher for 20 years. Scott became a teacher after being inspired by his former Grade 5 teacher whom he models his teaching approach after. Scott's favorite part about teaching is watching his students grow as individuals and accomplishing their goals along the way. Scott enjoys when his former students visit and share their life updates with him. Outside of the classroom, Scott coaches and plays hockey and is also involved in a golf league.