



Mrs. Listerman: The Finance Guru

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During this crazy exam week, I found time to talk with one of my favorite teachers, Mrs. Listerman and ask her some questions about her major, why she chose to be a teacher, what her favorite part about teaching is, and her New Year's resolution.

What class(es) do you teach?

"I teach Personal Finance 1, Personal Finance 2, Web Design 1, Personal Finance Fundamentals."

What school did you go to (high school)?

"I went to Bishop Brossart High School, a small Catholic school in Alexandria, KY with a graduating class of 76 students."

What is your major/minor?

"I have a Bachelor's in Business Education, a Master's in Secondary Education with an emphasis in Gifted/Talented Education."

Was teaching what you wanted to do? If so, what caused you to decide on teaching and if not, what profession were you thinking about before?

"No, I started college with the hopes of being a physical therapist, but I hated all the science labs. I liked numbers so I switched to Accounting and spent years studying it, but ended up hating my two internship experiences and realizing I didn't love Accounting. So I finally switched to Business Education. I always wanted to be a teacher but people always told me to do something that made more money. Through my college studies, I learned that I know myself best and I have to do what makes me happy first. As soon as I started studying education and working in classrooms, I knew I had found my career."

What is your favorite thing about teaching?

"I like the newness of every day. I like working with kids and sharing things I'm passionate about."

What is your least favorite thing about teaching?

"Discipline, I'll do it, but I'd rather work together with students than have to discipline them."

What do you feel is your strength in teaching?

"Connecting with kids. I feel I'm a pretty patient person and I enjoy getting to know you all and sharing who I am with students as well."

Do you like teaching high school students?

“Actually, YES! I have been in middle school and elementary school buildings in this district. The kids are fantastic everywhere but I am happiest and feel the most connected at the high school.”

What are your plans for winter break?

“I have a really large family; I'm the oldest of five kids. And my husband and I both have really large extended families (my dad is one of nine kids and his mom is one of 11 kids) so we attend a lot of family parties. I'll also be running to my daughter's basketball games and traveling out of town for my other daughter's futsal tournament. Hopefully, we get to the Zoo for the Festival of Lights too.”

What made you decide to teach the class(s) you are teaching?

“Personal Finance is so important to a person's well-being. We spend all this time teaching kids different skills so that they can become qualified for different jobs. But we never teach them how to manage their money once they get an income? One of the biggest joys I get from teaching Personal Finance is when a student says at the end of the semester that this was the best class they ever took and that it should be a required class for all students!!!”

What is your New Year's resolution?

“Be more active and spend less time on devices. Don't let things bother me and just be grateful for where I am and how blessed I have been.”

How would you describe yourself in three words?

“Patient, Kind, Relatable.”

What is your favorite joke?

“Why is money called dough? Because we all knead it!” (All of Mrs. Listerman's jokes come from the wrappers of Laffy Taffys)

Chloe Sizemore, a Senior said this about Mrs. Listerman: “I think she's an amazing person and she genuinely cares about the success of her students both inside the classroom and outside the classroom. ”

Kendyl Smith, a Senior said: “She's like the best teacher ever, she won't ever let you fail even when you give up on yourself. You can always count on her to put a smile on your face too.”