

I was born and grew up in Canyon. My mom drove me back and forth so I could have a good education and there were no deaf education programs in Canyon. I was in deaf ed. classes in kindergarten and first grade before I started mainstream classes in the second grade. Being in mainstreamed classes helped me a lot because I was able to learn how to communicate with my hearing classmates and felt like I belonged with them regardless of my hearing loss. I also was able to participate in sports and other extracurricular activities. It was a lot of fun for me and I enjoyed it. After graduating from high school, I went to Amarillo College and graduated with an associate's degree in General Studies. Then I went to West Texas A&M for a short time and decided that I wanted to go back to Amarillo College for another associate's degree in Graphic Design. I graduated with my second degree in 2011 and had plans to go back to WT to finish my bachelor's degree. As you know, things in life happen and we can't help it. I got married and became a full time mother and had to put my school dreams aside for now. I still would like to finish up at WT someday soon and get into the field of graphic design. For the deaf students who struggle in life, my advice is never give up and keep doing what you want to do.

Member of:

- Akademia (Caprock High School Honor Society)
- National Honor Society (Jr./Sr. years) (Sr. year Historian)
- Yearbook Staff (Co-Editor Jr./Sr. years)

Honors:

- Superintendent Scholar
- Celebration of Educational Excellence Award from Governor Rick Perry and the State Board of Education
- UIL Scholar Award
- A Honor Roll
- A/B Honor Roll
- Member of Caprock High School's Royal Court
- Caprock High School Prom Queen Finalist

Scholarships:

- Texas Association of Parents and Educators of the Deaf
- Amarillo College Regents Excellence
- National Honor Society