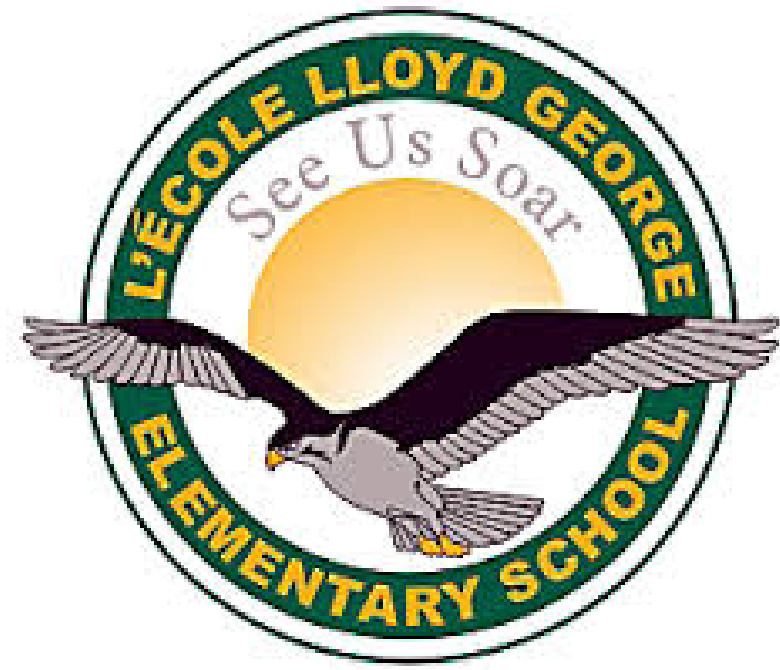


My Educational Influences

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Elementary School



MME. KOLDEWIJN- GRADE 2

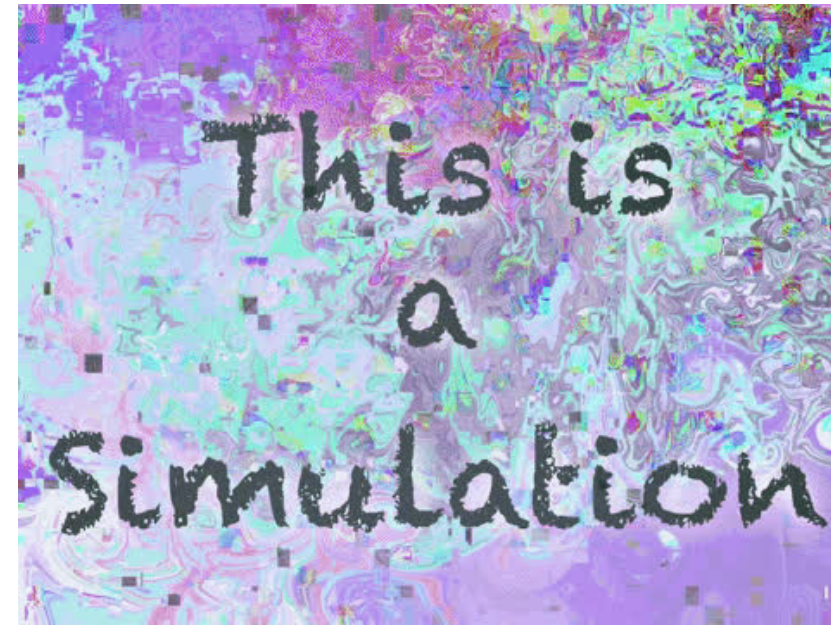
In my elementary school experience I feel like I had some great teachers and made some friends that I am still close to now in my adult life. Mme Koldewijn was a really amazing teacher that I had in grade 2. She was a new teacher and filling in for the original teacher we had while she was on leave. Mme. Koldewijn was so kind and fun and you could tell that she really cared about us. This was influential to me because it taught me that even as a new teacher you can have a lasting positive impression on your students. In high school, when I would have a day off she let me go in her classroom to volunteer when she was teaching kindergarten. I think this was solidifying moment for me to realize that I wanted to pursue a career where I would have the chance to work with kids.



High school

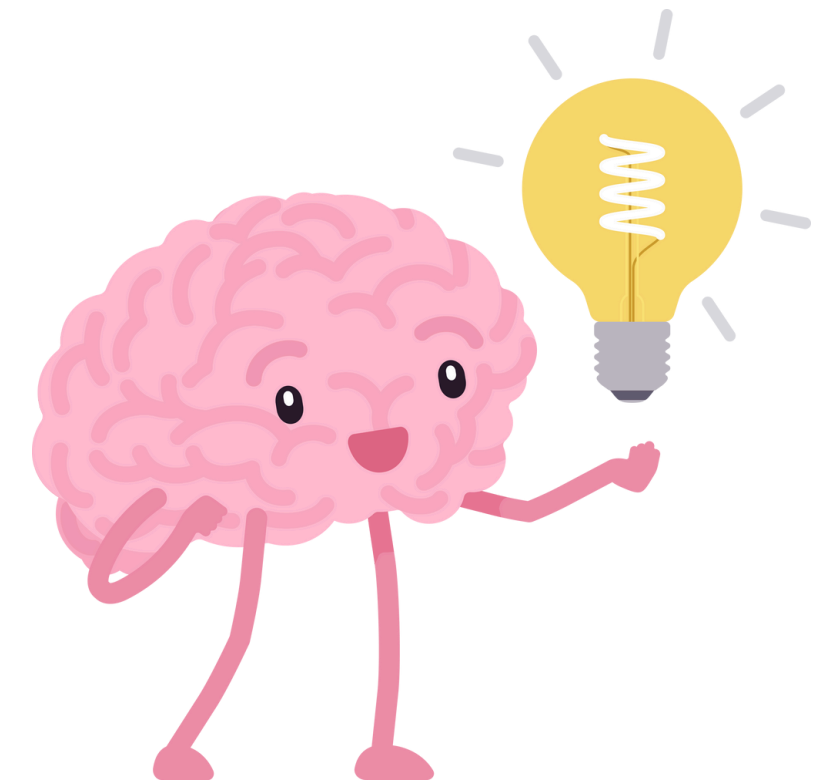
Mr. Wilson - English 12

When I reflect on my most influential teacher from this time it was my grade 12 English Teacher. At the time I didn't appreciate everything that he was teaching us but now I often reflect on his approach to teaching. This was influential because it taught me to think outside of what we are taught in school and to pursue our interests.



Mrs. Deacon - Psych 10/11/12

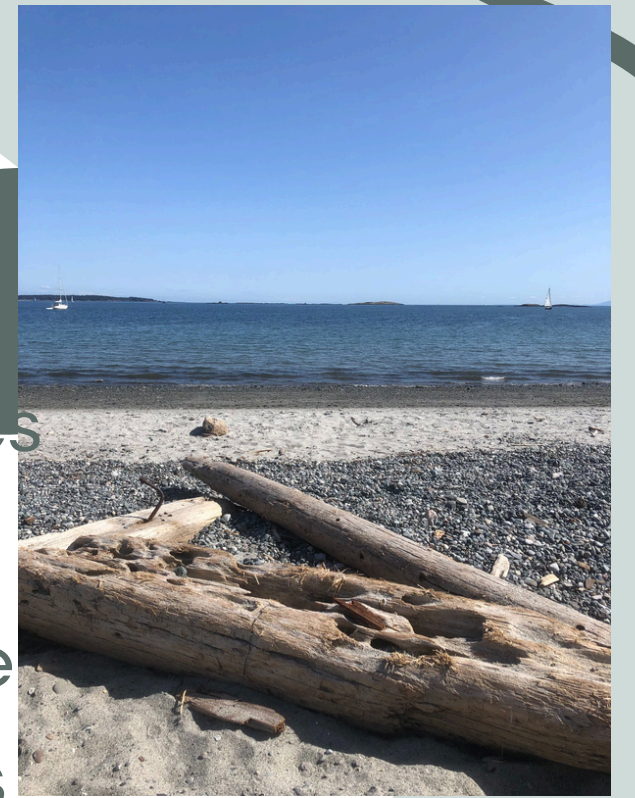
This was my first introduction to a psychology class. She was also a big influence in High School because you could tell she was passionate about psychology and we often had interesting conversations in class. This was influential to me because it was outside of other classes I had taken before and where I began to think about what I wanted to pursue post secondary.



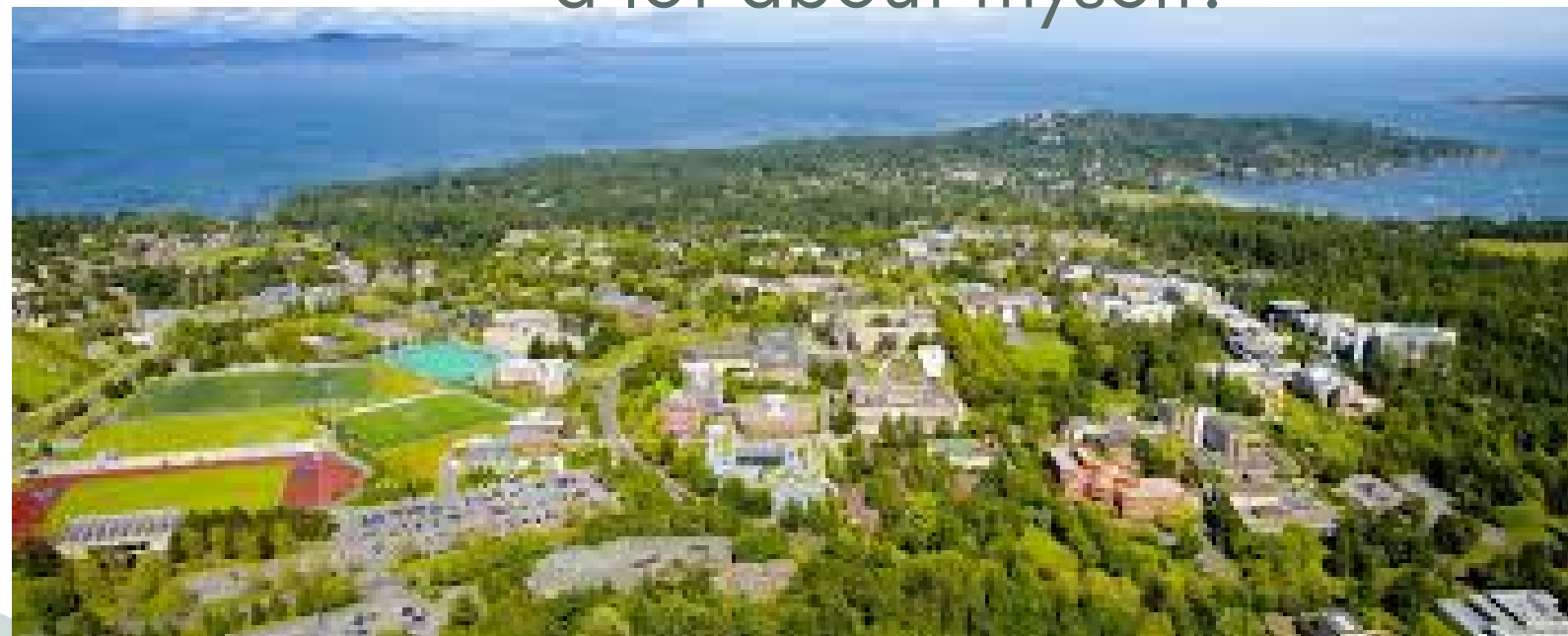


Uvic

I started in Linguistics with the plans of becoming a speech pathologist. Quickly after one semester I realized that linguistics was not for me. On a whim I took as sociology class and I was hooked. There were so many interesting classes and I was able to take any class I thought was interesting. Because there was so much flexibility in my degree I was able to take the teaching pre requisites. I was enjoying the classes I was taking and living in Victoria was so much fun! This was an influential time because I experiencing living in a new place on my own. I learnt a lot about myself!



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Working at the Hospital in Victoria

While I was finishing up my degree and for a couple years following I worked various jobs at the hospital in Victoria. The first job there was serving meals to hospice patients. Though it was sad it was also a really healing experience for me and I was able to connect with patients and hear their life stories. Working in a hospital setting reaffirmed my goal of working in a job where I can help and connect with others. It was a fast paced environment with a lot going on all the time. Another influential job I had was at the lab attached to the cancer clinic. This job was more hostile than hospice and it was stressful managing 20+ patients waiting for their bloodwork. But It taught me that if I can manage this I can manage a class!



Family

My mom has been a huge influence, having a parent who is a teacher really played a big part in my educational journey. She has encouraged me to be a teacher ever since I expressed wanting to work with kids. I definitely resisted this because I wanted to make my own decisions but after having my own experiences I can confirm that this is what I want to do!



I feel really lucky to have had many supportive family members in my life. Education was always encouraged. Someone that I really look up to is my Papa who has been so supportive of any interests that I had. He really inspires me especially academically because as a teen he didn't finish high school but went back to school and became a lawyer and then a judge. He is a really humble person that I deeply admire.





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