



OGDEN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

November Employee of the Month

Rylee Kiernan



I'm Rylee Kiernan, and I'm a special education teacher with a focus on behavior at Ogden Preparatory Academy. I grew up at Ogden, and I actually even went here from 1st to 9th grade starting in 2003! I've been at Ogden Preparatory Academy for 5 years now, and I worked my way from being a paraprofessional to a teacher. In my free time I love to read, spend time with my family, and play with my dog, Ollie. My passion in education is creating equity for all students, no matter who they are. A quote that speaks to me is: "Real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time."



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Darby Evans



I was born and raised in Houston, Texas. This is why you hear me say y'all all of the time. In 1987, my family and I moved to Utah due to my Dad's job at Morton Thiokol, he designed booster rockets. It was a culture shock, moving from Texas to Utah, but I love it here. I went to Ogden High School, go Tigers, and graduated from that fine establishment in 1992. In 1991 I attended Weber State University in the Early College Program instead of attending my senior year at OHS. In 1992 I met my future husband, Dan, while working at Hastings. We had been dating for four years when we went to Disneyland and he asked me to marry him. I kid you not, when I said yes, the fireworks went off, yes it was for the Fantasmic show, but I felt like they were just for us - very Disneylike! We graduated from Weber State University, me with a B.S. in Business and Dan with a B. S. in Education, in June of 1997 and got married one month later. In 2001, we welcomed our twin daughters, Abbie and Gracie. They are the most amazing kids; we could not be more blessed. In 2013 I was told that I should work at Ogden Preparatory Academy as a Teaching Assistant. I fell in love with teaching right away, honestly never thought I would say that. I went back to Weber State University and obtained my teaching license. I was blessed to be given the opportunity to teach the Learning Strategies class in the junior high school. The rest is history! Oh, one more thing, I have two rescue dogs, Oberon and Poe; when you hear me talk about my boys, that is who I am referring to. They are quite adorable!