



SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION DISORDERS MONTHLY EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

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Deb is the newest member to the SECD team. She and her family moved to Omaha from Baton Rouge, LA.

How does Nebraska compare to other places your family has lived in?

So far, Nebraska is lovely. We have only been here two months, but the hot days are not as humid as we have experienced in some other places. I am originally from Delaware, and I enjoy four seasons. I really like snow and was thrilled to get three inches of snow on my birthday one year we were living in Louisiana. The city, schools, and universities all shut down and it was a great day with some people building a snowman for the first time ever. I am curious how much snow we will get here in Omaha.



What destination do you hope to visit one day?

I hope to travel to Brooks Falls in Katmai National Park in Alaska. I follow the bear cameras on explore.org and it is a wonderful blend of my love of nature and my love of animals. Hundreds, sometimes thousands, of people follow the cams around the world at all times of day and there is a continual discussion board as well. This community of people is very welcoming, kind, and generous with their knowledge, with some having watched the cameras for the ten years they have been up at Katmai. Some people know which bear is the mother of another bear and the dynamics among the bears can be fascinating, plus the scenery is stunning. Nature can be harsh at times too, but, in total, it is amazing to have this glimpse into the bears' world. In the meantime, I participate in voting during Fat Bear Week each year in October, the bracket-style tournament that crowns a Fat Bear Week Champion. #TeamOtis



What is a fun fact about you that not many people know?

I was a twirler - batons, ribbons, sabers, fire, etc. It was a lot of fun, and I met many great people through it.

What's the best piece of advice anyone has given you?

The best parenting advice I ever got was to be silly. I can be very task-oriented, and it is good to stop sometimes and share just being silly with my sons, even now that they are older.