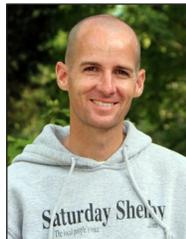




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## Kristiaan Rawlings, Addison Times LSC 2016 Graduate

Kristiaan Rawlings has a great appreciation for the time he spent in Leadership Shelby County. A 2016 LSC graduate, Kristiaan credits the connections he made in LSC to launching his career at Shelbyville Central Schools and growing his online newspaper. Kristiaan believes spending the evening around the campfire the first night of the retreat at Flat Rock YMCA Camp built deeper relationships. The personal and professional ties made that night have stuck with them all.



Wes Hall, LSC classmate and assistant principal at Shelbyville High School, was instrumental in getting Kristiaan hired as a teacher at Shelbyville Central Schools. Kristiaan has found a friend and education mentor in Northwestern Consolidated School District of Shelby County Superintendent Chris Hoke, also a 2016 LSC graduate. Corporate contacts Kristiaan made in the 2016 cohort group give him advantages he does not have in his education career. Those business connections give Kristiaan credibility when asking for interviews and information he needs for his business.

If building connections was one of the biggest benefits of LSC for Kristiaan, reconnecting with Bonnie Pribush, 2016 LSC Facilitator, was the second. After graduating from Shelbyville High School in 2001, Kristiaan attended Franklin College where he took as many of Bonnie's classes as he could. Working with Bonnie again was a special opportunity.

After starting his college career at Franklin College, Kristiaan made the decision to move west. He took a job as a residence hall director in a small college in South Dakota and earned his degree in literature and communication from Oglala Lakota College on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Kristiaan went on to graduate with a master's in education from New Mexico State.

After college, Kristiaan, took a position as Director of Residence Life in New Mexico before moving on to Peru State in southeastern Nebraska as Dean of Students.

The move west and time spent on the reservation were great experiences for Kristiaan, but homesick for Shelbyville, Kristiaan, wife Selina and daughter Sarai moved back to Indiana. Kristiaan started the Saturday Shelby, a free weekly newspaper. Although the paper showed promise with over half a million dollars in advertisements, the ever-growing expense of a printed publication and his job as a teacher led Kristiaan to move from print to an online publication, The Addison Times.

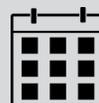
In a little over two years, The Addison Times has grown to over 800 readers, mostly by word of mouth. Kristiaan credits his membership with the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce with helping increase the patronage of his newspaper. He has a small paid staff which includes Shelby County high school students.

As busy as Kristiaan is with his newspaper business, he is still very excited for school to start. Kristiaan teaches English and creative writing at Shelbyville High School. He has reached out to all his students by email and most share his enthusiasm for getting back to school. Starting school during a pandemic will not be easy, but Kristiaan always tells his students to "make the best of any situation" and that is exactly what he plans to do this school year.



### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Diana Thomas (LSC 2020) and her family on the birth of a baby girl, Elena Marie Thomas. All are doing well!



LSC 2020-2021 class Meet and Greet:  
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**September 18**  
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**MHP Administration Building**  
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*“Carolyn is great! She truly understands why it’s hard for many to “self-promote,” which allowed this workshop to be extremely relatable and beneficial. Not only did Carolyn get me out of my comfort zone, she provided practical techniques for genuine self-promotion that can easily be used in everyday life. I highly recommend this workshop to anyone, especially those who find it difficult to talk about their accomplishments.”*

— Julia Polston, LSC 2018

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