

Teacher Spotlight

This spring issue will feature Haley Barker, FCS teacher in Laurel. Haley has a comprehensive FCS program at Laurel High School, grades 9-12.



**Haley Barker, Laurel High School
Helping run "Sister's Closet" at school,
loaning out prom dresses to students in need.**

What are three characteristics you believe every teacher should have?

Every teacher should be kind and compassionate to their students and coworkers, have a sense of humor (after all if you don't laugh you'll cry), and be a lifelong learner.

What are your favorite memories of being a student?

Some of my favorite memories from being a high school student were the relationships I made with some of my teachers (in particular my business teacher and chemistry teacher). I also really enjoyed my time in sports and extracurricular activities.

What is one good thing you remember a teacher doing for you?

My chemistry teacher was always helpful! Even when I was in college I remember emailing him to help me with organic chemistry. He sent me worksheets for me to complete and a week later he sent me the answer keys. I will never forget how much he helped me.

What's one experience you've had that has helped shape who you are as a teacher?

I have had so many experiences I cannot just name one. First would be my student teaching experience in a single wide trailer. It was there and then that I decided I could teach anything in any classroom. Secondly I have had so many great (unofficial) mentors,

who I could call or email with any question I might have (and let me tell you I have had a million questions). My final experience

What was the nature of your relationships with your co-workers?

I have been very fortunate to have great co-workers in each building I have taught in. My program has been very supported and I have introduced ProStart into the building starting next fall.

Thank You Haley for your dedication to your students and Family and Consumer Sciences!