Leadership Aurora Class 2016-17
Mini-Profile

Name: Gill Thompson

Company/Position: Pickens Technical College, Career Services Coordinator

Brief Bio/History:

I am one of the Career Services Coordinators at Pickens Technical College. Pickens Tech is part of Aurora Public Schools but we are also part of the Colorado Community College System. My job is to assist instructors and students with job placement, industry partnerships, and community outreach. I feel very fortunate to be in this position because I enjoy working with and learning from all the people I get to work with at Pickens Tech, APS, and the community.

My previous career was in construction where I worked on residential, commercial, and industrial projects. I started off as an entry level technician and worked my way up to site manager on projects worth over half a million dollars. With the knowledge that I gained working in construction, and what I now know about education, working at Pickens Tech is a great niche for me. Every day I get to apply what I know about construction and education to help instructors and students with job placement and post-secondary workforce readiness. If you are not sure what post –secondary workforce readiness (PWR) is- no worries, you will get to hear all about it from myself and the other APS employees that are on Leadership Aurora.

I am a fourth generation Colorado Native and I grew up in Littleton Colorado. I attended Colorado Mountain College in Steamboat Springs and received an Associate in Arts Degree, then I attended Montana State University in Bozeman Montana and received my Bachelors in Business Administration, and then I attended University of Phoenix to earn my Masters in Arts in Secondary Education.

Hobbies/Interests

Anything outdoors, especially in the Mountains. I am an avid hunter, fisherman, and skier. I also enjoy camping, backpacking, hiking, rafting, and mountain biking. I am married, have a 2 year old daughter, and another kid on the way, so they are almost always involved with anything I do. This summer we took my 2 year old rafting and she was “fist pumping” through rapids!

BTW- Does anyone want to go fly fishing when the retreat is over???????? I will be going; the Colorado River is just down the road!

(Please return by Friday, August 19, 2016)

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