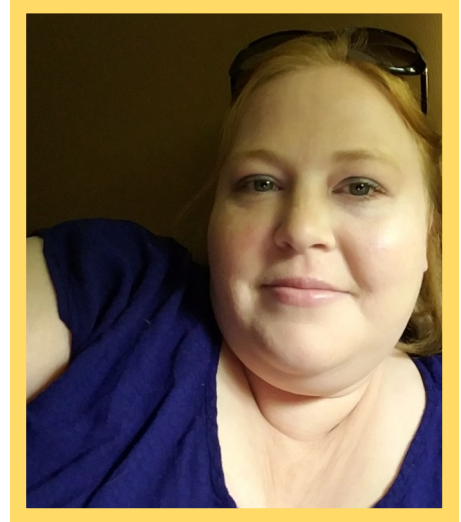


# Alumni Spotlight

## Victoria Humphries

### Class of 1999



**Since you have graduated from James L. Collins Catholic School what academic, career, and/or volunteer paths have you taken? What is your current job title and company?**

I graduated from the University of North Texas with my Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice and minor in Psychology. While in college I volunteered with Denton County Friends of the Family. They are a non-profit that helps victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. I also volunteered with Camp Summit which is a camp for kids with special needs. While in college I worked retail and I also worked for Denton County Friends of the Family as a childcare coordinator. After I graduated I worked for the Denton State Supported Living Center from 2012 until 2014, which is a residential facility for special needs adults. I worked as a Direct Support Professional taking care of the daily needs of the residents and as an Active Treatment Tech teaching life skills. I currently work for Drane Intermediate as a Special Education Aide. I would have never discovered the joy it is to work with the special needs community if I had never volunteered.

**What lesson did you learn while at James L. Collins Catholic School and how has it shaped you into the person you are today?**

Though JLCCS was a small school community I feel it gave me a greater appreciation of diversity in our own communities around us. I had a chance to interact with all races and multiple faiths. It gave me the opportunity to be more open-minded to ideas and opinions that differ than my own and to appreciate these differences that make all people unique. It helped me to be able to better communicate with people around me and to accept people and their differences.

**How have any of the four cornerstones of James L. Collins Catholic School allowed you to transform the world in your own way?**

I believe that the four cornerstones of JLCCS gave me the tools to have the compassion to work with special needs adults and children and to work with sexual assault victims. Faith has kept me grounded. Involvement has allowed me to be a part of my community. Integrity has helped me build a good work ethic, and respect taught me to be kind to everyone even when they were not kind to me.

**What advice would you like to give to the students at James L. Collins Catholic School?**

Always work hard and never give up. Don't be afraid to try new things. You will never know if you will enjoy doing something until you try. I never thought when going to school that I would work with special needs, but I was given an opportunity to both volunteer and work with special needs adults and children and I have enjoyed the entire journey.