

I received a Bachelor's degree and a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Chicago. During my Family Medicine Residency training, I served as Chief Resident, a position which included teaching my fellow physicians-in-training. While in full-time medical practice, I continued teaching part-time at a Family Medicine Residency Program in the Chicago suburbs. My family and I moved to Fountain Hills in 2001. My two (now adult) children attended FHUSD from kindergarten (my daughter Maggie) or first grade (my son Adam) through high school graduation. I've actively participated in District activities. I volunteered as a classroom helper for several years at the former McDowell Mountain & Four Peaks schools, including conducting sessions for groups of gifted students. I was a member of the parents' advisory committee for the gifted program at the former Four Peaks School with former teacher Jean Boatman and Melanie Anderelli. In my family physician role, I've presented a tobacco-use prevention program to the 5th graders in the District (and in several Scottsdale schools) every year since 2006 (except 2020 during COVID). I was appointed by Governor Ducey as a member of the Arizona Board of Education Standards Development Subcommittee in 2015 – 2016 with Superintendent of Public Instruction Diane Douglas. That committee produced the current Math & English/Language Arts Standards for the state of AZ. Those standards included enhanced content for high school geometry and calculus and added the study of cursive writing. Do you wonder why cursive writing? Many older technical building and public infrastructure documents contain cursive writing. If you don't know cursive, you can't understand those documents. And, our founding documents – the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution. & the Bill of Rights are in cursive. I served as Clinical Instructor in Mayo Medical School from 2009 – 2013. I continue working in the education of medical students and resident physicians as Associate Director at HonorHealth Scottsdale Osborn Family Medicine Residency and as Assistant Professor of Family, Community, & Preventive Medicine at University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix. I have taught faith formation classes at my church since 2002 with children ranging from kindergarten through 8th grade, mostly 3rd grade.