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# Teacher Feature

**1. Your full name**

•Elissa Cumiskey

**2. What do you teach and where?**

•Marketing, Sports and Entertainment Marketing, and Entrepreneurship at Wyandotte-Roosevelt High School. I'm also the DECA Advisor.

**3. How long have you been at that school?**

•I have been at Roosevelt for four years.

**4. Where did you grow up and where were you educated?**

•Woodhaven. I attended Woodhaven High School (Class of '96), Western Michigan University (BBA in Marketing, '00), Eastern Michigan University, (Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, '04) and Marygrove College (Masters of Education, '07).

**5. Main reasons you decided to become a teacher.**

•Being a coach made me realize how much I enjoy working with teens.

**6. Who was your greatest inspiration when you were a child and why?**

•My mother – she was an exceptional teacher and role model.

**7. Best thing about your job?**

•Interaction with students...they keep me young!

**8. Worst thing about your job?**

•Having a zero hour class and starting school at 7 a.m.



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**9. If you had a magic wand, what would you provide for your students?**

•Classroom laptops.

**10. Finish this statement: Kids today need to \_\_\_\_\_.**

•...challenge themselves more in high school in order to have an easier transition in college. Kids today need to set higher standards for themselves.

**11. If you had to choose another profession, what would it be and why?**

•Director of Marketing for a professional sports team.

**12. What are your hobbies and interests outside of school?**

•I coach Varsity Competitive Cheer at Wyandotte. I'm married to my husband Chad, and we are expecting our first child in April!

**13. Best advice to pass along to beginning teachers?**

•The more you put into your students, the more you will get out of them.

**14. Best advice to pass along to parents of kids in school?**

•Your children really do respect the fact that you care about them, even if they don't tell you.

**15. Look into your crystal ball and tell us what you see in the future for American education.**

•Increased on-line teaching/learning.

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