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I am a graduate from UMSL where I received her Bachelor's Degree in Music Education in 2009. While at UMSL, I had the privilege to be trained by Jim Henry and Susan Werner in vocal and choral studies. I have held the positions of secretary and president in University Singers and was a member of Vocal Point; elite a cappella group, for 3 years. After college, I got a job working for the Archdiocese of St. Louis as a music teacher at St. Francis of Assisi of which I am in my 2<sup>nd</sup> year teaching music to Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. While at my position, I have put together several productions such as an annual Kdg and 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Advent program, all school productions on International Day and Grandparents Day, and a Kdg spring play. I also serve as Music Director for the spring musical each year and recently started a Caroling Club to help raise money for local children through the St. Louis Christmas Carols Association.

I have been raised in the barbershop community from birth. My grandpa, who was also an actual barber (he used to be David Wrights barber!) was a member of St. Louis No. 1 chorus and used to sing to me regularly. I began to be more involved in the lifestyle when I started at UMSL and met Jim Henry. Throughout college I would attend Ambassadors of Harmony rehearsals regularly. It was through AOH that I met my now fiancé, Matt Suellentrop (the tenor of 2010 CSD Champion Quartet, Progression). We will be married in May 2012.

I finally gave into the art of SAI in March 2010. I currently sings bari in St. Louis Harmony Chorus on the front row. I am so is excited to see where our chorus is headed and might even be getting involved in some quarteting of my own soon..... ☺