



About Jess

Education

Jess was born and raised in Boothbay Harbor, ME. Throughout elementary and middle school, she was lucky to have great math and science teachers! Due to her love of these subjects, she attended Maine's own math and science magnet school, the Maine School of Science and Math (MSSM) for high school (Class of '02).

After high school, Jess headed down to Pennsylvania to attend Lehigh University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering (Class of '06). Because she also had an interest in teaching, she stayed an additional year at Lehigh to earn a Masters in Education (Class of '07).



Teaching & Tutoring Experience

Jess has had a passion for tutoring from a young age! As early as sixth grade, she remembers tutoring her peers (unofficially, of course!) in math and science class. While she attended MSSM, she helped coordinate the Math Enrichment Program, which was a weekend program for local elementary school students to work on challenging math problems. After graduation, she taught hands-on physics and orienteering courses at the MSSM Summer Camps for grades 5-9.

While at Lehigh, Jess worked for the university as a tutor for students taking calculus, physics, and chemistry. She also worked as a teaching assistant (TA) for Manufacturing, a 200-level mechanical engineering course. During her Masters year, Jess led an all-girls Lego Robotics program at a local elementary school for grades 4-5.

After working for several years as an engineer, Jess began tutoring as her primary job. While living in Texas, she tutored 23 students for over 500 hours. Since moving back to Maine, she has tutored over 6,000 hours! In addition to being self-employed, Jess has also tutored for several for- and not-for-profit organizations, including Five Town Communities that Care, Literacy Volunteers of Waldo County, and The Study Hall. Mixed in with the tutoring work, Jess also taught Precalculus and Statistics courses at Unity College.

In 2017, Jess founded Lift Tutoring, through which she hopes to serve the Belfast area for many years to come!

Engineering Experience

Jess has worked in the fields of electrical utilities, food manufacturing, government contracting, and business process engineering. She loves telling stories of her experiences in engineering, so if you are interested in more details, feel free to ask her!

Hobbies

Jess loves Maine and the outdoors. She swam competitively while growing up in Boothbay and at MSSM. She also played soccer and softball. As an adult, she still enjoys swimming, as well as walking, hiking, biking, kayaking, playing the keyboard, and reading.