

A N I T A W H E A T

Hometown: Chicago, Illinois **Class:** 2009

Double Major: Communication and English/Writing **Campus Involvement:** Black Student Union; Student Foundation; Sigma Tau Delta; Admissions Ambassador; P.R.O.M.



Human Resource Business Partner,
Central Region for The Vitamin Shoppe



McKinney, TX
Husband: Clayton Wheat
Twin mom: Josiah and Sariah
Bonus Mom: Alira and Aleis



MS: Management and Organizational Behavior,
Benedictine University, 2011



Newsletter Editor: Plano Area Moms of Multiples
(second largest group in Texas); Dallas HR Member;
I love trying new meals – we have attempted to go
Vegan twice, however chicken and fish still somehow
comes into meal prepping; romantic comedies;
audiobooks; podcasts; wine enthusiast.



What is something about your current self that your college self would be proud of?

That I am working in the field that I love: human resources. I have always been passionate about people, watching others grow and helping along the way if I can.

Why is it important for you to be a part of the alumni board and/or participate in the advancement of Eureka College?

Diversity. In an age where Diversity and Inclusion can be a popular coin term; it's something I have been passionate about since I was a student at EC, as President of the Black Student Union. A great education is influenced the most by being around diverse minds and opinions that aren't always yours. Exposure is everything.

SHOUT OUT! Who was an influential person during your time at Eureka – how did they make a difference in your life?

Mickesha Armstrong! She was my mentor and someone who I can always lean on and ask the tough questions to at the end of the day. Mickesha is a fellow Eureka Grad and currently serves on the Board of Trustees at the College.



The Sum of Us by Heather McGhee



Leomonade, Beyonce



This is Us, NBC

T E R E S A K E N N E L L

Hometown: El Paso, Illinois **Class:** 2010

Double Major: Business Administration and Accounting

Campus Involvement: Non-traditional student; all alumni activities!



Director of Advancement Services, Eureka College
Tax Accountant, Hinshaw CPA Office



Roanoke, IL

Adult children: Josh, Tucson AZ;
Jason (wife Kaci), Goodfield, IL

Four grandchildren: Orie (5); Oswyn (4);
Adoniram (2); Aldridge (1)



ASK
ME
ABOUT

Spending time with my family, especially my precious grandchildren – hiking, playing outside, reading, crafting, cooking, whatever keeps them busy! This is a typical picture of all four trying to sit on my lap at one time. During the nicer weather months, you will find me working out in the yard in the flower beds. I love seeing what I can create and enjoy the results when all the flowers/plants are in bloom. I also like to crochet and quilting.

What is something about your current self that your college self would be proud of?

I am very proud that I was able to raise two sons, put them through college and maintain two jobs, all while I was working on my own degree. I do not know where I found the time to do it all!

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Since I work at Eureka College, part of my job is being able to attend the events and meeting up with alumni and friends of the College. In my 23 years at Eureka College, I have met some wonderful alumni who I consider my friends.

SHOUT OUT! Who was an influential person during your time at Eureka – how did they make a difference in your life?

There are two very influential people I must give a shout out too. The first is **Jami Hemmenway**; her Appreciation of Literature course was the first class I took at EC. I was very nervous about going back to school, but Jami made me feel relaxed and excited to be there. The second is **Dr. Loren Logsdon**; he was a father-figure for me. I learned so much from him, not only in his class, but in my everyday interactions with him. I miss seeing him in the office every day. I am going to give a shout out to all of the students I was in class with. They didn't give me any breaks and treated me like one of them which enhanced my Eureka College experience.