Melinda Fitz-Henry Biographical Information:

*Years I’ve been teaching:* Seven years at Samuel Brown Academy.

*Where I grew up:* I was born in Soap Lake, Washington, raised in Spokane, WA, and I moved to Oregon in 1986 and love it!

*Career background (college, degrees, specialty, where I’ve taught):* I worked for the United States Postal service until 2005.

*Favorite foods:* Pad Thai.

*My favorite saying or quote:* If you are not happy with your life, change something!

*Book(s) on my nightstand:* Wolf Killer; Tales of a Navajo Indian.

*Why I love teaching:* Often our school is a last chance for a student to earn a diploma and when they succeed it is awesome!

*Something people would be surprised to know about me:* I have 9 children and 6 grandchildren.

*One special moment I saw, participated in, or helped create, that made teaching “all worthwhile”:* Witnessing a young man be the first in his family to graduate from high school.

*Something I’ve learned in the past year:* Change is inevitable, learn to adapt.