



2019 Distinguished Young Alumni

Miranda Watson (Rabbe) is a 1999 graduate of Lincoln Lutheran High School. She went on to attend the University of Nebraska, Lincoln earning a Business Management degree. After working in employee training and recruitment with two different companies Miranda would go on to earn multiple real estate licences from the Larabee School of Real Estate. She is currently self-employed with Woods Bros Realty as a REALTOR®, Assoc Broker.

Miranda has been very involved in the community during her professional career. She has served as a Faith Lutheran Church Council Member, Sunday School Teacher, on the Bldg Facility Task Force, Capital Campaign Committee, Children's Ministry Task Force, as a LLSA Delegate and a youth basketball coach. Miranda has also held multiple offices with the Realtor's Association of Lincoln. She received the "Presidents Club Sales Volume Award" from Woods Bros every year since 2007.

Some of Miranda's favorite memories of Lincoln Lutheran include times spent in shop class learning to use power tools, (correctly and safely!), designing a project, and completing it to Mr Roeber's high standards (not an easy feat). "We were not only taught life skills that I STILL use on a daily basis, we were also taught creativity and problem-solving. We were encouraged to stick with a project or process, and learn to adjust when things weren't quite turning out according to our original plan - a life lesson for which I am forever grateful."

"I also enjoyed crazy biology dissections with Lyle Ziems; learning the power of "6's" in math with Don Duitsman; understanding the importance to VOTE from Nathan Bassett; experimenting in chemistry and physics with Gary Loontjer; sweating on the fields and courts with Sue Zeigler and practicing music to later receive countless awards with Kathy Ohlman. Seriously, what fun!"

When asked how Lincoln Lutheran prepared her for life, Miranda responded, "When I attended LL, we were given great freedoms to make our own choices, but also true responsibilities to ensure that whatever we did was a success. For those of us who may have been a smidge ornerier than others, we were given guidance and correction in a compassionate manner. Our teachers set an example of Christ's love and direction for our daily lives. With high expectations, I was allowed to participate in school activities year-round. The balance I learned while relying on God as my stronghold to manage everything has prepared me for my work and play in life, with clients, friends, family and more!"

Miranda's advice for current Warriors: "Tough times never last, but tough people DO! Many days in middle school and high school are SO TOUGH. But your God is tougher, and your experiences will only make your faith stronger! There's a great big world out there full of endless possibilities and wonderful opportunities. The best is yet to come!"

Miranda and husband Jaime live in Lincoln and are blessed with two sons, Nolan (6th grade @ LL), and Myles (5th grade @ Faith).