

FEATURING KIM FRY

# WASA Employee Spotlight



In this issue, we're proud to spotlight our Professional Learning Coordinator, Kim Fry. Kim joined WASA in July 2022.

*"It was a wonderful day in the history of WASA when Kim Fry chose to come to lead professional learning. She is genuine and authentic in her leadership approach which draws people into to a vision that supports student and staff learning. Kim is a blessing to our entire WASA membership!"*

**Mike Nelson**

**What does your job entail at WASA?**

As Professional Learning Coordinator, I partner with Mike Nelson to meet member needs. I am responsible for projects like WASA Mentor Academy, Early Career Superintendent Academy, Aspiring Superintendents, and some conferences.

**What do you like most about your job?**

It's an honor to support the members of our association and to ultimately affect the work public schools are able to do. Of course, I also love my coworkers.

**How has WASA changed since you first became a member?**

WASA has learned to be more responsive to member needs. As an organization, we now offer many options to decide between based on content, delivery modules, and scheduling.

**What is your favorite place in the world?**

I've been lucky enough to travel often in my life—my father really enjoys traveling. But my favorite place is at home with my pets and family!

**What do you like to do when you aren't working?**

Travel and cook for extended family and friends.

**What were you doing before being hired at WASA?**

I was a superintendent at Rochester for 12 years.

**Reflect on a past WASA employee.**

The former WASA employee I'd like to reflect on is Shari Parsons. In her role as the Executive Assistant, Shari provided support to regional and state WASA leaders, so I had the great pleasure of interacting with Shari prior to my employment at WASA. Shari radiates warmth and acceptance. Her cheerful, can-do attitude left me knowing that WASA truly cares about providing each member an outstanding customer service experience. Shari extended this same graciousness to me as a new staff member, patiently helping me learn how WASA operates and welcoming me as a teammate. Her sparkling smile, contagious laughter, and attention to detail will be missed by all!

**What is your favorite memory at WASA?**

My favorite memory is Summer Conference 2022. We had to adjust quickly to COVID-related staffing shortage and watch everyone's willingness to step up and pitch in, in order to pull off an event.

**Best vacation ever?**

I really enjoy Europe—Italy in particular. I've been a couple times but the last time I went was 2016.

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