

# Staff Spotlight

## FEATURING BEAU WILSON



In this issue, we're proud to spotlight our Professional Learning and Innovation Assistant, Beau Wilson. Beau joined WASA in August 2024.

*Beau is a caring and hardworking team member who inspires those around her by building strong, positive relationships and showing a genuine commitment to positively impacting the lives of others.*

—Shawn Batstone,  
Assistant Executive Director,  
Professional Learning & Membership

**What is your role at WASA?**

I am the Professional Learning and Innovation Assistant. I work closely with Kim Fry and Shawn Batstone.

**What does your job entail?**

My job entails assisting with the implementation and utilization of AI initiatives through [WASAbot.AI](#). Along with that, I plan details to coordinate conferences and Professional Learning events.

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

I am strongly dedicated to public education and find fulfillment in being part of systems that sustain and enhance both the educational structure and the people it serves.

**How has WASA changed since you were hired?**

While I have only been a part of WASA for the past six months, I find that our capacity as a team to serve our membership has grown. Since I have started, the availability of AI offerings have also increased.

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

My favorite memories are always production days. Working remotely is wonderful, but there is something special about us all coming together for an event. Everyone has a unique role in the process and it feels good to see the outcome of the hard work come to fruition.

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

Before joining WASA, I was a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Community and Family Liaison for Tumwater School District. In that role, I was devoted to supporting families, students, and administrators through staff listening groups and weekly lunch groups for LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC students.

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

I love to read all sorts of genres and listen to podcasts. I enjoy wood working, welding, home improvement, and art projects. My children are both in competitive sports, so a lot of my time is spent watching and practicing with them. A newer hobby of mine is riding motorcycles.

**Best vacation you've been to?**

I don't think I have a best vacation—I have traveled a lot, and each place is beautiful in their own right. The most important part of the trip is the people. I am excited to go to Portugal in the next year to visit family I have yet to meet.

**Where's your favorite place in the world?**

My home. My husband and I worked really hard to purchase the house and the kids have grown up there. I always wanted to have the house that all the kids wanted to hang out, and that is exactly what it has turned into. It is beautiful to have a home that people find comfortable and safe.

**Reflect a bit on your professional mentor.**

In 2020, I came to Shawn Batstone as a concerned parent because my daughter was dealing with issues of discrimination. Immediately, I saw Shawn was doing hard work and I knew I wanted to help. Eventually, he created the role of DEI Community and Family Liaison for me. I was in that role for three years. I have never met someone who advocates for others like Shawn does. He believes that the success of an organization rests in uplifting those in the system and creating opportunities. I feel that we share the same commitment and belief in public education. I love that at WASA, we continue to be a system of support for administrators.

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