

Dear Friends of Big Horn School,

At the Big Horn Education Fund, we are proud when scholarship recipients return to the Big Horn area, bringing with them their gifts and skills. However, it is important to recognize that your generosity to Big Horn seniors reaches beyond Big Horn and even beyond Wyoming.



Lori Van Buggenum, BHHS class of 1997, is a recipient of the Big Horn Education Fund Scholarship. Lori came to Big Horn School as an eighth grader, having been home-schooled. “My five years at Big Horn were instrumental. The teachers care and personally invest in the students. They encouraged me and promoted and nurtured my desire to go to college.” This support is especially impactful as Lori is a first-generation college graduate.

Lori is currently a Project Director at The University of Arizona (U of A), Office of University Initiatives. She obtained dual bachelor’s degrees in psychology and anthropology from the University of Idaho, as well as a Master of Public Health Degree from the University of Arizona. Prior to her role as a Project Director, she was the Associate Director for UA Disability Resources, Workplace Access, where her focus was on ensuring an accessible and inclusive workplace.

In her current role with the Office of University Initiatives, Lori manages and implements high-priority projects for the President and University Administration. Like much of the world, the past two years of her work has been related to COVID-19 and responding to institutional needs including implementing safety directives, policies, and processes for the University of Arizona. Specifically, coordination of on-campus COVID testing, campus event review, and developing vaccine incentives for students and employees. Lori is also leading initiatives to expand family-friendly campus spaces and a public/private partnership for child care at the University.

Though she lives and works in Tucson, Lori spends as much time in the Big Horn area as possible. Her fiancé, Benjamin Johnson, a Tucson-based artist, is currently participating in the Residency Artist Program at the Bradford Brinton Museum. Lori was the founding chair of the US Green Building Council – Wyoming Chapter.

The Big Horn Education Fund has provided scholarships to deserving Big Horn students since 1985. On behalf of the Big Horn Education Fund Board, I ask for your support of the graduates of Big Horn School. I see the impacts of these students, as they follow their passions, in our community and throughout the world and hope that you do, as well.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Audrey (Kirven) Steinhorst".

Audrey (Kirven) Steinhorst
President, Big Horn Education Fund
Big Horn High School, Class of 2007, BHEF Scholarship Recipient

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