My journey to professorship: From riding horses on the surface to studying cave microbes in the underworld.

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I am passionate about mentoring and encouraging the next generation of New Mexico students, therefore, I completed my Ph.D. in my home state. I am from Sanostee, NM located on the Navajo Reservation where I grew up the second oldest among four siblings and riding horses. I received my Ph.D. in Biology at The University of New Mexico where I studied how cave microbes from Carlsbad Caverns National Park, Carlsbad, N.M. collect their iron from their environment.

Presently, I get to live my passion every day, which is teaching Biology and returning to the cave microbiology field — I am so excited! As a teacher, I am inspired to encourage my students to identify their best learning strategies. People all learn differently, and I wish I knew about learning styles early in my undergraduate years. As a researcher, I am inspired to encourage my students to become confident research scientists. I look forward to sharing my academic experience and speaking about cave microbes and research.

Bring your thinking hats.

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Thursday, January 28
2 to 3 pm

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