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ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES **#TEAMGORILLA** **A CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE**

DAVENPORT

Quick Connections with the Davenport School District! (October 13, 2023)

Meet another of our newest staff members:

Ms. Sydney Abbott



You Belong Here!



Ms. Sydney Abbott: Student Asst. Specialist

We would like to introduce you to Miss Abbott. Sydney returned to the Gorilla family this fall from Whitman College in Walla Walla. Sydney is a 2018 DHS graduate who is pursuing a Masters Degree in School & Mental Health Counseling. Miss Abbott enjoys connecting with our kids. Often you will find her playing basketball at recess with her students, sitting with them at lunch, or running whole-class SEL lessons. She has become an integral part of our team; the kids love her! Sydney will also be our new MS head girls basketball coach and HS assistant boys basketball coach this winter. Welcome home, Miss Abbott!

GEAR UP: Endless Possibilities!

Did you know that the Davenport School District has a GEAR UP program? **GEAR UP** is a federally funded grant program with the goal of helping students Gain Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs to increase career and college readiness for students. We have an amazing team led by Ms. Elesha Johnston who runs the program. Ms. Johnston organizes activities like the upcoming college fair field trip to Spokane and the annual Careers-on-Wheels event. She also helps with after-school studies and assists in math classrooms to ensure our students have their best chance of success. Ms. Alison Hawley and Ms. Sydney Abbott also contribute to making sure our kids get the support and resources they need in order to have every door open to them when they leave our DHS walls.

Conscious Discipline



Educators learning about the brain & behavior to better serve our students!

Professional Development: Oct. 5 & 6

What does our staff do on Oct. 5th & 6th when the students don't have school? We talk about kids! We talk about how they are doing, how they learn, and how to help them to grow academically. We discuss their hopes and dreams, and we share best practices with each other! For two full days, our staff dove into student assessment data, created student growth goals, learned about our new reading curriculum, and engaged in meaningful learning around student and adult behavior through Conscious Discipline. A big reason for our district's excellent academic ranking is because of this professional development time. Our staff is all in on helping our students reach their DREAMS! In fact, you will soon see DREAM walls in all of our buildings. Imagine, Empower, & Create a BRIGHT future for every student, every day!

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**Davenport School District, Where WE: Imagine, Empower, and Create,
ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES for Every Student, Every Day!**