

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

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Education and training after BHS:

B.S. Neuroscience at Brigham Young University, class of 2017
M.S. Biology (emphasis in neural and molecular biology) at the University of Munich (LMU), class of 2019
Financial consultant training program from November 2019-May 2020

Career summary:

After serving for two years as a volunteer missionary in Chile, I worked as a teaching assistant during my bachelor's degree and as a research assistant at both universities (BYU and LMU). After graduation, I expanded my skill set and network by joining a work-training program to be a freelance financial consultant with Swiss Life-Select, during which I quickly built a great client base and learned a lot of German! With the increased language skills and work experience, I landed a job last year as part of an international team of molecular biologists at Centogene, testing for coronavirus. I'm looking forward to using my experience in scientific and financial fields to build a career in an international biotech or pharmaceutical company.

Current location/residence:

Frankfurt, Germany

Family:

My parents (Ray and Joann Call) are still in Batesville. My siblings and their families are scattered around Virginia, North Carolina,

Family (cont.)

Utah, and Chicago. We've been meeting up on video chats frequently since 2014 or so to make up for living so far apart. Technology makes the world a bit smaller! My wife (Larissa) is German, coming from a city called Essen (near Düsseldorf). We met at college in the States and moved to Germany right after we graduated. Since she's an only child with a unique last name and we wanted to make sure our kids remember their German heritage, we combined our last names when we got married: Kranewitter-Call. We don't have any kids yet, but we have two adorable dogs!



Activities while at BHS:

Academic Team, Cross Country, Track, Band, Choir, Kiwanis Student Leadership Academy, Drama Club, Key Club, and National Honor Society

Best education-related memory from BHS:

It's hard to pick just one memory! AP Physics as an online course with Collin Koury, Scott Gryspeerdt, and Garret Price stands out. Singing and dancing in Batesville Singers and Drama Club was a blast. I still miss playing music and hanging out with my band friends at football/basketball games and music competitions. I enjoyed the tradition of excellence in our Track and Cross Country teams. One of my favorite memories would have to be the combined experience of my time in the Academic Team. We studied together, challenged ourselves, celebrated our victories, socialized, and grew together from a broken team in 2007 to a state competitor in 2011 by sharing a vision, energetically recruiting new talent each year, and working together until we got the results we wanted. That was a satisfying journey!



A personal quote about the importance of education:

They say an education is what you remember after you've forgotten everything you learned in school. To me, that means that even if you won't always use everything you learn during school, the act of learning those things changes you and makes you a more capable person for the rest of your life. Investing in your mental flexibility and finding what you like enough to get good at will bring you rewards for the rest of your life.

