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I spent 1 year at Eastern Oregon University followed by 3 years at the University of Portland studying Biochemistry. While at the University of Portland I was able to work on a research project with two of my professors on the monoterpene levels in the needles of Douglas fir exposed to elevated CO₂ and temperature. In 1999 I graduated with my Bachelor's in biochemistry. Following graduation, I took a position as an analytical chemist. I went to work for a lab that tested chemicals, water, and wafers for ultra-purity in the semiconductor industry. I ended up operating and maintaining an ICP-MS which I enjoyed and had a knack for. Later I operated and maintained several ICP-MS's for an environmental laboratory.

Now I am a stay at home mom and enjoy hanging out with my kids. I make lots of slime and discuss its properties and non-Newtonian fluids. Mentos are dropped into soda bottles on hot days and we make naked eggs every Easter and discuss the nature of acidic fluids and the function of membranes.