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Words to live by...

*"Life isn't fair. It never will be. Quit trying to make it fair. You don't need it to be fair. Go make life unfair to **your** advantages."*
—Robert T. Kiyosaki

What is your favorite thing about working at NCI?

I love the people. iCURE scholars have such energy and passion for cancer research and science, it is a pleasure helping them throughout the year. I also enjoy organizing activities to support their growth and development; it really energizes me.

In my spare time, I enjoy...

- I enjoy hiking with my spouse. We try to tackle one national park a year, and the year before last we checked out Yellowstone. It was AMAZING!
- My spouse and I enjoy playing complicated, strategic board games. In fact, we just recently joined a D&D campaign.

My favorite traditions/holidays...

Every year, my family made fasnachts (fried, potato-based doughnuts) to celebrate Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras). My spouse and I continue the tradition. They aren't easy to make and we've had many years of failures, but we do it again each year.

