

GILMANTON HIGH SCHOOL

Graduate: Molly Serum Class of 2010 **After High School:** Winona State University, Bachelor's Degree: Leadership and Advocacy and then Master's Degree: School Counseling.

Career Information: After I graduated from WSU with my Bachelors, I went on to work for Organic Valley (an awesome organic dairy cooperative) in La Farge, Wisconsin. I was a national event planner for the company but wanted to do more to help others and decided to go back to get my Masters in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. During my Masters, I sub-taught as a part-time job and quickly fell in love with the school setting and the idea of working with students on prevention and teaching emotional regulation and management. After this realization, I completed my Masters in School Counseling and have started my first counseling job at Laconia High School.

Career Highlights: Traveling the country with Organic Valley and obtaining my first School Counseling role in Rosendale, Wisconsin.

Advice to Current Students:

I think it is important for kids to know that you don't have to be at the very top of your class to be successful. Different people have different skills, interests and abilities. It is all about how hard you try, and that is always in your control. Also, I would tell students not to be afraid to ask for help when you need it. Life is tough, let people help you up when you get knocked down. **Strengths of Gilmanton High School:** Community and life long friendships.

Other Accomplishments: I'm so proud that education is so important to me and understand that I have been privileged in being able to continue to pursue higher education. Completing my Masters is something I am so grateful for. I hope to never stop learning!

Other Info: Recently moved to Little Chute, Wisconsin.

