

# Meet Your Instructor

Welcome to Anatomy and Physiology. Before we embark on a journey into the A&P, and I take on the mantle of “professor Ways,” I would like to introduce myself by giving some background to my career as an educator, of my interests, and who I am outside of class.

I grew up surrounded by forest, saltwater marshes and bodies of water, and very early developed an almost instinctive interest in all things living. Collecting, identifying, and interacting with the natural world around me occupied much of my time and led me on the path of becoming a Biologist. Learning for me has always been a passion, but as my formal education began to draw to a close I was faced with the prospect of being outside of the academia that I loved. The only solution to this problem was to be on the other side of the learning relationship – to become a professor! I will never stop being a student, although I do now have this additional role and can now share my love of life with my fellow students.



This aspect of who I am continues to be a motivating factor in my life as I almost daily hike through the forest, looking, learning, and observing. If we every do meet face to face at the college, don't surprised if I am hot and red-faced as if I had just hiked three miles in the forest – I just might have!

I also have had a keen interest in music throughout my life, but only within the last ten years began to develop this interest. I play the “concertina”, a very small “free-reed” instrument and this instrument is with me much of the time. I play primarily by ear and enjoy creating musical themes and harmonizing them as I go.

With all that said, I also enjoy cooking, gardening, and watching my two adult children develop their own professional and personal lives.

So, as we begin our journey into this segment of your academic career, I hope that my passion the natural sciences, and life, helps inspire and propel you to be the very best that you can be as we consider the place our body’s anatomy and physiology in the grand scheme both of the natural world and in developing your professional life. We are in this together. We will learn together, we will grow together.

Welcome to the class!