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Kimberly grew up in White Bear Lake, near St. Paul, MN. From the start, Kim knew Lawrence would play an important role in shaping not only her personal development, but also her professional development. The small class sizes, study abroad opportunities, and dedication to liberal arts education made Lawrence a perfect fit. Kim made good use of

many of the student life opportunities available on campus. She worked for Rec Sports in the intramural department, participated in several student clubs, enjoyed weekends at Björklunden, and was a RLA. She was a frequent audience member at many recitals, concerts, and plays held at the Con. And who else but a Plantz girl could count an opera singer, painter, elementary school teacher, and a math professor among her LU friends? It was this diversity of friends and experiences that, in part, made her time at Lawrence so special.

Academics also played a vital role in determining her future. Kim pursued her Biology degree along with a Biomedical Ethics Interdisciplinary during her time at LU. She also indulged her adventurous side by studying abroad in London. It is also thanks to her amazing advisors that she was introduced to the field of genetic counseling. For Kim, genetic counseling perfectly combined her interest in genetics and biology with her commitment to providing quality healthcare to individuals and families.

Following her time at Lawrence University, Kim completed her M.S. in Medical Genetics at the University of Wisconsin – Madison where she also participated in the Maternal and Child Health Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (MCH LEND) Program. Kim worked as a prenatal genetic counselor at Yale University School of Medicine in New Haven, Connecticut for three years prior to returning to UW-Madison.

Kim now works as a clinical laboratory genetic counselor at the University of Wisconsin Cytogenetics Lab in the State Lab of Hygiene. Kim is the first and only genetic counselor with the UW Cytogenetics Lab and also functions as their Education Coordinator. Kim teaches an undergraduate course in human cytogenetics and guest lectures for several medical programs on campus. Kim also oversees medical residents and students during their rotations through the laboratory and offers support to medical providers regarding genetic testing options and result interpretation.