Mr. Millican’s Bio

I am an only child, raised by my grandparents on Bainbridge Island. The Depression, rural Georgia, and World War II formed my grandfather’s childhood. In turn he formed mine based on his experiences. He attempted to teach me many things, but the two concepts that are the most important to me are the value of hard work and the importance of family. My grandmother also grew up in the same era in the Pacific Northwest. She taught me the importance of kindness and creativity. I have two daughters, Savannah Anatoli and Aynslie JoAnn who are 16 and 14.

I graduated high school in 1995. I played water polo, swam, and ran track in high school. I then went to the University of Massachusetts and earned my Bachelor’s Degree in a self-designed major called World Citizenry. I also played water polo at the university. I went back to school at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Georgia, in 2009 to earn a Masters Degree in American History, but moved back to Washington State in 2010 to help out my grandparents. When the opportunity presented itself, I enrolled at Seattle University in 2014 and earned my Masters in Teaching.

From the age of twelve until I graduated from college I worked various jobs, including roofing, landscaping, farming, and an apprenticeship with a potter. They all presented their own challenges, but every one of those jobs provided a sense of accomplishment along the way. I was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the US Army in 1999 and served in the Army for five years, leaving as a captain. After the Army I worked in maritime shipping on the docks in Charleston, Baltimore, Savannah, and here in Seattle. In 2012, I took a coaching job that I loved so much I knew I wanted to be a teacher!

I love to travel, read, write, hike, garden, swim, and coach. I have owned both dogs and cats in the past but am currently in an apartment that does not allow pets ☹ Because I am in an apartment I have to play my music quietly too! I love all kinds of music but Bach, the Beatles, and the Red Hot Chili Peppers are my favorite to listen to.

I look forward to, and appreciate, you all sharing your biographies with me and I look forward to working with you all this year.