



Kristin





Hello from beautiful Eastern Oregon!

I appreciate you taking the time to learn about my life and dreams for the future.

I'm wishing you all the best on your journey.



## Fun Facts



I'm a lawyer and specialize in commercial litigation.



I live with Poppy, the world's cutest bunny.



I took a break from law in 2017-2018 to serve in the Peace Corps in Tanzania. (Two of my students Munira and Rafia pictured above).



My best summer job was maintaining a stretch of the Pacific Crest Trail.

# Things that bring me JOY

- Skiing with my family
- Traveling (especially road trips and especially to see friends)
- Trying new foods
- Hiking
- Yoga
- Movies
- Learning the piano
- Reading
- Movies
- Astrology (If you're into that too, I'm a Gemini sun, Virgo moon, Virgo rising)
- Art
- Playing boardgames and cards (gin rummy is a family favorite)



At the local ski hill with my mom and brother



Trying fresh barbequed oysters for my cousin's bday



Visiting Yosemite



Machu Pichu with my great friend Irina



New art! Recognize the subject?



## Childhood



I was raised in the mountains of northern California where I loved exploring, being a shadow to my older brother, and doing every sport and activity offered. My brother and I built meaningful relationships with our grandparents, aunts and uncles in Oregon and Seattle when we stayed with them during school breaks.



Climbing rocks at the lake



Lifelong chocoholic



Riding around the neighborhood



With my 4-H pig, Buffy



Vacation at the Oregon coast

## Family



Celebrating Christmas with my mom's side of the family in eastern Oregon.  
(My fun and steadfast mom is third from the left and my awesome and outdoorsy brother is second from the right)



My dad (who inspired my love of nature and good food) and grandma (a true artist and a source of unconditional love and support). Both have left this world, but I try to keep as much of them in my heart as possible.

# Friends



My great friend and colleague, Kara.

I've been blessed with friends who have stayed close over the years and who are loving, supportive and fun!



Celebrating a birthday!



Irina gave me the travel bug. This photo was taken in Istanbul on our first trip out of the country together.



Visiting Irina in NYC



Swimming at a natural spring

# Home Sweet Home



I love my old house and neighborhood. My favorite part about living in this small town is the sense of community, and how I've felt warmly welcomed by my neighbors. I live a short walk to the local schools and a cute downtown area.



Dining table handed down from my grandparents



View from my mom's house. The mountains pictured here are where we like to hike and swim in the summer and ski in the winter.



My favorite local hike.

View from the living room



## Favorite Traditions



My dad's side of the family likes to get together for a long weekend every August.

Sharing big holiday meals and playing cards are my FAVORITE family traditions. And I'm definitely looking forward to bringing back family traditions of decorating Christmas cookies and carving Halloween pumpkins.



Never too old to dress up for Halloween in my view!



## Dreams for my child

Thinking about becoming a mom fills me with love, joy and gratitude.

There's a big dining table in my house where I see family dinners, decorating Christmas cookies and working on school projects. I can picture gardening together and building a playhouse or fort in the backyard.

I can see us going for bike rides in the summer or exploring mountain lakes. I can picture ski days at the local hill and special outings for dinner and a movie downtown. I can see summer road trips to the coast and nightly bedtime stories.

I envision going to sports games, school plays, music recitals, science fairs and talent shows as they try out new things and get to know themselves. No matter what, they will have my unconditional love and support.

In the end, my dream is that they will be secure, happy and confident to navigate the world as their awesome self. With your love and mine together, this child can do anything.



Backpacking in California

## Openness

If open adoption brings us together, I believe we will build a strong relationship based on trust, respect, admiration and lots of shared memories.

You will always have a huge presence in your child's heart, and I hope that will be reflected by a big presence in their life.

I hope we can share small joys together like trading funny and cute photos, attending school plays, sports games, and family dinners, as well as sharing big celebrations like birthdays and graduations. I know we can work together to be a support for this child, and I hope we will be good friends too.





With my aunt Liz who always makes me smile



Kayaking in Santa Barbara where I went to undergrad



Thrilled to be exploring the Louvre



Willamette Valley with my brother Tony



My awesome Form 3 students in Tanzania



Cross country skiing with my mom