

Greetings!

Thank you for visiting my page. My name is Carmen Lane Coody Wingate. I graduated from Merryville High School in 2000. I attended McNeese State University where I earned a Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies Secondary Education with a minor in English Education. I taught English Language Arts at Singer High School for 3 years to junior high and high school students. Then, I earned a Master's of Education in School Counseling. Upon graduation, I became the counselor at Singer High School for grades K-12th. I worked at SHS for a total of 9 years before transferring to DeRidder High School. I have lived in DeRidder for fourteen years. I am married to Shannon Wingate, a graduate and life-long resident of DeRidder. We have two beautiful daughters, Baylee and Whitney. My husband and I enjoy attending church and coaching both our daughter's softball teams. In addition, we love spending time with our family and friends participating in various activities such as hunting, fishing, going to the movies, and watching football.

This has been an exciting year for me. Becoming a part of the Dragon family has been a joyous experience thus far. The students and faculty have been very welcoming. I feel right at home. Above all, I am an advocate for our students. My philosophy of counseling involves a solution-focused approach in which students' physical, emotional, and social needs are met; therefore, allowing the student to feel safe, confident, and successful. I believe we have the best community and students in Louisiana. I know this will be the best year yet!

Accept what is, let go of what was, and have faith in what will be.

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