

25 Things About Jenni Baldwin, Your New Director of Alumni Engagement

1. I was born in California but grew up in Sammamish, so I consider myself a Pacific Northwesterner at heart.
2. My husband, Ryan, and I met at UW. Go Huskies!
3. We celebrated our 17th wedding anniversary (and 21 years together) last weekend!
4. My 8lb mini schnauzer, Sadie, is the other love of my life. She may turn 15 this November but she's still feisty and fun.
5. I am a certified Lagree instructor, a style of Pilates that uses a megaformer.
6. I'm a very active person. I love to run, cycle, walk, and take group fitness classes.
7. I'm so active that I've now fractured two metatarsals from overuse. Oops.
8. I double majored in Bio and English with plans to go to medical school. I became a teacher after passing out in an OR during an internship at a hospital in Newark, New Jersey.
9. I am a National Board Certified educator.
10. My favorite place in the world is Stari Grad on the island of Hvar, Croatia. Turquoise warm water, kind people, great food.
11. My favorite place in the PNW is Ebey's Landing. A little slice of heaven on Whidbey Island.
12. I love to travel and am always looking forward to my next trip. Next up: the Austrian Alps!
13. My favorite way to spend a day is to explore a new city. Aside from Stari Grad, I love Lucerne, Salzburg, Berlin, and Porto.
14. I've taught or advised well over 800 students at Overlake.
15. I know how to drive a stick shift and prefer a manual to automatic transmission cars.
16. I am terrible with names. I have tried all the tricks. Thank you for your grace as I get to know you and ask you to remind me of your name many times – it's not for lack of effort or love!
17. 90s rap is always on my "most played" list.
18. I've been to several hundred concerts in my lifetime. My first concert was the Beach Boys with my parents when I was 8 years old.
19. Last year, my husband and I won Guest Passes for Life at The Head and the Heart's concert at The Showbox. We got to meet the band and have the honor of attending any The Head and the Heart show for the rest of our lives.
20. I find joy in helping others and regularly volunteer my time, particularly serving women and children in need.
21. Each month, with the help of our friends, my husband and I collect over 800 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for Union Gospel Mission's Search & Rescue Program. We just hit over 37,500 PB&Js! We are PB&J-making experts.
22. I follow a plant-based diet and have been vegan since 2004 (way before it was trendy).
23. My favorite card game is Kings in the Corner.
24. I am a morning person and wake up at 4 am most weekdays.
25. Fall is my favorite season. I love the energy of a new school year, the coziness of the weather as it shifts to become cooler, and the beautiful fall colors. Bring on pumpkins and sweaters!

