

Courtney Halverson, 27, was born and raised in North Dakota. It was because of this small town living that sparked her love for Art. She learned at a young age to tap into her imagination and used the beauty of her surroundings as inspiration. She took her first art class in high school at Kenmare Public School where her love for art grew and she decided to dedicate her career to art. It wasn't until her senior year that she discovered a love for teaching as well when she took part in a peer mentoring program, where she taught art to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders. After graduating in 2007, she attended classes at MSU, where she worked hard and graduated Cum Laude and earned degrees in Art Education, Elementary Education, Minor in Humanities, and Concentration in Special Education.

After college, Courtney Halverson did a year of subbing around the Minot area until she got her first teaching job at Sawyer Public School followed by Jim Hill Middle School and Theo Art School in Bismarck. She currently is teaching art in her old stomping grounds at Kenmare High School. She is very excited to bring all her knowledge, experience and passion for art to all her new students.

Courtney Halverson has a growing passion for art and is always looking for new ways to advance her artistic abilities and enhance her teaching skills. She is constantly on the look-out for new, innovated art techniques that she can't wait to experiment with and introduce to her students. Her biggest goal as a teacher is to inspire her students to create art that has meaning to them and to grow their passion for art. Courtney Halverson continues to create art every day in all media when inspiration strikes.