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Dear PEP Statistics' Families:

Welcome to Statistics! Statistics is a high-level math that is not only relevant, but well-received by college admissions staff. As a matter of fact, Karen Lucas, former Director of Admissions at UNF, said she preferred to see this advanced math on transcripts, especially if a student is not pursuing a degree in the hard sciences of engineering, etc.

While teaching is a second career for me, this *is* my 10th year teaching for PEP, and my 12th year teaching in a school environment (I have taught and tutored privately over the past 15+ years.). I just love math, Statistics especially, and cannot wait to help your student come to love math too!

My family (husband, Michael, and daughter, Liliana, PEP 2020 "Graduate") moved to Jacksonville in 2010. While I had been a commercial lender in the banking world for almost 20 years, I "retired" in 2006 to stay home with Liliana. But, I could not resist the call to teach. After all it runs in my family! My grandfather was a high school History teacher and Principal; my father was a high school English teacher; and my aunt was a community college Professor! So, in 2008, I started working part-time as a tutor and private teacher. This led me to establish my own business, Diligent Solutions, LLC, through which I maintain a private tutoring practice. Additional teaching credentials include prior certification by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) to teach math and business courses and approval as an adjunct/dual enrollment instructor for FSCJ for Introduction to Business and Introduction to Management.

I earned my undergraduate degree (Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance, Magna Cum Laude) from Loyola University, Maryland. And, I earned my MBA (with almost all A's) from Johns Hopkins University.

As for Statistics, it is one of my all-time favorite maths. I first studied it when I was in high school. It was required for my undergraduate degree and also for my graduate degree. Statistics is important for almost any career choice your student may have - medicine, business, teaching, journalism, etc. It is important, as well, for developing critical thinking and analytical skills. By the end of this course, your student will never read an article, newspaper story, study, report, or any other document in the same way again!

I am so grateful that God has provided me this second career; because I just love being in the classroom with students. Again, welcome! I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Blessings,

*Mrs. Norris*

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