

# *About Ms. Smith*

## **Educational Background**

- Master of Arts in Education—University of Michigan
- Bachelor of Science – University of Michigan  
Major: Biology

## **Professional Experience**

Kristen developed her love of science at the University of Michigan through field research, internships, and summer programs. She expanded her commitment to wildlife and ecology through volunteer opportunities while traveling around the world after graduation. Prior to the transition to teaching at the International Academy of Macomb, Kristen had a rewarding seven-year career as a zookeeper and animal trainer in Miami, Boston, and Detroit.

## **Personal**

Kristen has traveled and lived near and far, but is glad to have settled back in metro Detroit. She enjoys weekends and summers up north near Traverse City, and travels to Australia frequently to visit family.

## **Hobbies**

Kristen grew up riding horses at Sugarbush Farms in Mt. Clemens, and was an avid rower during high school and college. She misses both hobbies, and looks forward to returning to them both in the future. Summer sailing, home renovations, and family fill the rest of her free time.