



McAlpin Finds Her Way From Pittsburgh to Tupelo

TUPELO, Miss. — Although special education director Genna McAlpin has been with the Tupelo Public School District for eight years, her journey south began 700 miles away in Pennsylvania.

A native of Pittsburg who was actually reared in the neighborhood of the real Mr. Rogers, Genna calls herself a diehard Steelers and Pirates fan. Years ago, she strongly considered dentistry as a career before eventually choosing the education route. She earned both her undergraduate and master's degrees at Pittsburgh while attaining her advanced degree in psychology at Duquesne.

With a huge extended family, her brother and father are particularly important to her. However, she said her biggest role model has been her beloved mother.

Ask her to depict a dream outing, it would be driving to the Florida Keys in a Rolls Royce and enjoying a massive slice of pizza.

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