

MICROBIOLOGY & IMMUNOLOGY

Employee Spotlight

Q&A with Dr. Matt Jorgenson Recently Promoted Assistant Professor



Where did you grow up and are there any fun or interesting facts about your hometown?

I grew up in southeast Minnesota in the small town of Kasson, an old community of old timey buildings. Kasson holds the distinction of being the only town in the county with a stoplight.

Who inspired you to pursue the career you have today? Joanna Klein, my microbiology professor at Northwestern College. An exceptional educator with the wisdom to see that I would be well suited for a career in academia.

What was the first thing you bought with your own money? First paycheck from working at the local grocery store went to purchase a JVC DVD player at Best Buy, which I still have. The disc tray glows blue and the remote has an excessive amount of buttons.

Do you have a pet? What's he/she like? No, but the chorus to get a cat grows louder with every passing year. Thinking Maine Coon.

What have you always wanted to try and never did? I did a lot of snowmobiling in Minnesota but no skiing. Would love to go cross-country skiing in the future.

Do you cook? What's your favorite recipe? I can cook but I am a much better baker. My favorite recipe is the Strawberry Dream Cake from Southern Living. The mascarpone cheese makes all the difference.

What's the craziest thing you've ever done or seen before? Drove a motor home with my future wife and in-laws over the course of ten days, over the mountains leading into Utah. When they say the brakes are soft, they mean press down hard.

Which fictional family would you want to be part of? The Penderwicks. Such a fun and exciting family. Never a dull moment.

What is your favorite day of the year and why? Easter Sunday because it holds a lot of personal meaning and because it is usually spent with friends and family.

Who's the better superhero, Batman or Superman? Batman. I never thought I would pick a billionaire over a journalist but here we are.



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