

Your Jump Start Online Student Facilitator is:

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Hi all! You can call me Kate or Kathleen. I was born and raised in the North Country, living in Canton until 2014. For 5 years following that, I did a sort of "figure 8" moving throughout the continental U.S., working as a weightlifting, nutrition, and wellness coach. After realizing the fitness field wasn't my end-goal, I returned to graduate school in the SUNY system.

Joining SUNY Canton's Ready Center team in 2019, I began as an assistant in Career Services and soon after broadened my horizons to include advising work. Prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, I had begun to offer remotely-conducted early morning, late evening, and weekend appointments to students needing Ready Center services, and happily continue that work to this day. Whether building resumes or planning semester schedules, I love hearing about the unique backgrounds of all Canton students and helping to translate those into academic and professional goals.





A driving force to seek work in higher education was my own experience of trying to decide what I wanted to be "when I grew up." The possibilities can be overwhelming, and I never knew just how many resources were available to me as a student to help figure out where to go and what to do in college. My goal is to act as a guide for current and upcoming students' educational journeys. I am so glad to have been able to continue working with Canton over the past couple years, even after relocating to the Pacific Northwest. When not at the computer, you'll most likely to find me in a raft, on a bike, or up a mountain with my family and trusty German Shepherd,

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