



Faces of Marianjoy

Marianjoy is comprised of associates that come from many varied cultures, backgrounds and experiences. We value these differences as we firmly believe it makes us stronger as an organization.

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Department: Admissions and MMG

- **What is your country of origin or the country of origin of your ancestors?**
USA
- **What specific aspects from your culture or background that would you like to share?**
My great grandparents on both sides were from Germany.
- **Are there specific days or times of the year that are considered special or sacred – if so, why?**
All Christian holidays especially Christmas and Easter. Also, 4th of July as we celebrate our nation's freedom and my husband's birthday.
- **What are some of your family customs that you recall from your childhood (or from current times)?**
We hide a glass blown pickle ornament Weihnachtsgurke on our Christmas tree every year which is based on a German legend that whoever finds the pickle ornament receives good luck for the next year and opens up the first gift of Christmas.
- **Are there dietary preferences, special recipes or other traditions around food or food preparation, if so, please describe?**
I host a big Christmas cookie bake where all 3 generations of females in the family get together and create a delicious variety of our favorite holiday baked goods.
- **What languages are spoken or written?**
English
- **Is there anything else you would like to share that you feel is important in order to attain a better understanding of your culture?**
No