



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

- **What is your country of origin or the country of origin of your ancestors?**
My father's grandparents came from Hungary and my mother's from Romania.
- **What specific aspects from your culture or background that would you like to share?**
My grandmother used to make delicious nut bread that I remember as a child.
- **Are there specific days or times of the year that are considered special or sacred – if so, why?**
Christmas was my mother's favorite holiday and she made sure there were plenty of gifts under the tree even when money was tight. I still get teary eyed every Christmas since my mother passed away because this was her favorite holiday.
- **What are some of your family customs that you recall from your childhood (or from current times)?**
I have three brothers and three sisters. We did a lot of tent camping growing up- they took us all over the states. My mother used to buy each of us our own jar of olives during the holidays since we all loved olives as children. We always followed through on things we were committed to- I see this same trait in my own children.
- **Are there dietary preferences, special recipes or other traditions around food or food preparation, if so, please describe?**
My mom cooked all the time as a stay at home mom. With a large family she would cook lots of dishes that could be shared amongst all of us.
- **What languages are spoken or written?**
My parents only learned English growing up.
- **Is there anything else you would like to share that you feel is important in order to attain a better understanding of your culture?**
My father's mother traveled to America by herself after her first husband passed away. She built her first house in East Chicago, IN in which she raised her children. My grandmother was a very independent woman for her time. My father served in the Marines during World War II and loved coaching his children in sports. My mother's pride was her seven children and multiple grandchildren. So much of my work ethic comes from my parents.