



HOWDY! Welcome to Texas A&M University and Welcome to E-2!

My name is Marcia Drost and I am the CAM, Corps Academic Mentor, for E-2. I am a senior lecturer in the department of Mathematics, where this fall I will be teaching 3 Business Calculus classes and doing the once-a-week review for all students taking MATH 142.

About ME: I am the daughter, wife, daughter-in-law, and mother of Air Force pilots. I grew up moving all over this country.

I began teaching 42 years ago, but did have a 9 year maternity leave. My husband Gary and I have been married 37 years. We have three kids. Mike is 35, and an F-16 pilot for the Air Force. He graduated in '97 from the Air Force Academy. Our twin daughters were born 2 years after their big brother. My husband retired from the Air Force in Kokomo, Indiana, and during the girls junior year of high school, we told them to pick anywhere in the country and we would pay the in-state portion, but they would have to earn scholarships to cover the out-of-state portion.

They fell in love with Texas A&M and when we brought them back down in June '95 for placement tests, I interviewed with the math department and three weeks later had a job offer.

Having taught in many different schools, let me reassure you, your son has picked an EXCELLENT university. Our daughter Jennifer graduated in '99 with a BS in Chemistry. Tracy graduated in '99 with a BS in Biomedical Science and in '02 with a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine.

NOTE: Our kids graduated from a small country school, 124 in the twins graduating class, and they found the adjustment to A&M very easy.

That is my primary role as a CAM to the outfit. I will be making the "fish" aware of resources on campus, encouraging good study habits, how to get organized and keep up to date on assignments, as well as provide an easy contact to ask questions. I will be dining with the "fish" weekly and posting photos occasionally on my university web page.

Working with E-2 has been terrific for me personally. The cadets and their parents (and even grandparents) have often expressed their appreciation of my work with these fine young men. This year's group is much larger than last year's, but I hope just as close AND supportive of everyone in the group. We improved last year in grades AND retention, and I would like to see those trends continue.

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Please send me contact information about your family and a small photo if possible.

My apologies for missing today's meeting. I will be meeting your sons tomorrow, and will have dinner with them Wednesday also. I hope to meet many of you at the Fish Review Friday. Again, WELCOME, and I look forward to another FANTASTIC year working with the E-2 cadets!

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