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SUCCESS begins with Teresa Kempfer

...RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST
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Teresa (Christensen) Kempfer began her career in the basement – the basement of the Medical Group (now Health Partners), that is. “I started out filing medical records in the basement,” she explains, a placement she obtained through Michigan City High School’s Interdisciplinary Cooperative Education program. “Mrs. Schroeder (ICE teacher) helped me at a critical time in my life. I knew I liked science, but I didn’t know if the healthcare field was right for me.” Turns out it was a *perfect* fit. Teresa went on to earn an associate’s degree in radiography and a B.S. in radiology management, both from Indiana University Northwest. This fall she obtained her M.B.A. to “keep options open in healthcare management.”

TECH MINDED: As administrator of Saint Anthony Memorial’s Picture Archiving Communication System (PACS), Teresa manages high-tech computers that allow physicians to review patients’ digital images. “When I started in X-ray, everything was done on film. It’s been exciting to bring our department into the digital world.”

WOLF SPIRIT: Teresa attended Coolspring Elementary, Barker Middle School, Michigan City Jr. High, and graduated with academic honors from Michigan City High School in 2000. In high school, she played the clarinet and was a member of the color guard and pom-pom squad. “My brother is a senior now, and I see the same spirit and unity at the school today that I experienced,” she says. “The athletic teams, the band, and other groups make it a tight knit family. They have a lot of pride, and a lot to be proud of.”

SECRET TO SUCCESS: “If you do what you love, you will love what you do. I’m happy to say that’s very true in my case!”



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