Born: February 5, 1993, to Jocelyn Samuels and Tom Olson, sister, Abby Olson, age 4 years.

Began pre-school at Westmoreland Children’s Center (Circle Campus). Was delegated to the “Panda” group, where I met one of my closest lifelong friends.

Learned to love reading by spending many hours in my mother’s lap, devouring picture books, and eventually, chapter books.

Began kindergarten at Lowell School, where I learned to read on my own from Jon K., sat on a lot of beanbag chairs, learned to sew and draw from Laurie-Ann.

**Switched to Westbrook Elementary for 3rd-5th grade, met many more lifelong friends and started in a more formal, public school environment.**

Throughout this time period, I participated heavily in a Mother-daughter book club with some of my close friends. I learned to appreciate Literature and to express my opinions Openly.

Started middle school at St. Andrew’s, where I was unhappy and uncomfortable with the other students in my grade. Was homeschooled for about six months in 7th grade by a tutor as I rebuilt my confidence. Started over at Westland Middle School in 8th grade.

Started the most enriching portion of my pre-college education at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, where I had the opportunity to take many honors and AP Classes, and to participate in such activities as stage management, community service, and tutoring.

Beginning my education at BMC, the hardest I’ve ever worked and the most intrigued I’ve ever been by classes.