



Jen: I am a 1st and 2nd grade teacher right downstairs of FPCS. I have volunteered at Praxis since 2013. I love to read, and to watch the latest trending TV shows and movies. I enjoy walking and my favorite place to be all year long is near water...especially salt water. I have two adult daughters and a husband whom I adore and respect and am so proud of. I love being with teenagers because I learn how to be a human in the 21st century. They are so much more global-minded, tech savvy, and have an openness that I did not have at their age. There is much to learn from them. And they are hysterical!



Dan: Hi there! My name is Dan Soder and I am a senior at WSU where I'm an Elementary Ed major doing my student teaching in Spokane. I love spending time outdoors such as spending my summers up at Priest Lake, Idaho, and the winters shredding the gnar at any mountain I can get too. I am an avid Mariner fan and also love any type of small competition such as spike ball, wiffleball, or cribbage, where I will always try to find any sort of way to win! I am so excited to work with Praxis this year. Go Cougs!



Lydia: Hi! This is my fifth year leading at First Pres in youth ministry. I work at a doctor's office in scheduling, I have two kitties named Sugar and Bowser, and I love to go to the movies! Having the opportunity to walk alongside students in the midst of this time in their life has been such a huge blessing.



Finney: Through strategic use of words like “bruh” and “dude”, kids forget Dan Finney is the same age as their grandparents. Having worked with Praxis students for over 30 years, I have invested in kids through mission trips, Praxis nights, Bible studies, discipleship, and many hours meeting with them for coffee. There is no greater joy for myself than helping kids take steps in faith and belief to actively follow Jesus.



Sophie: Hello! I'm currently a senior at Whitworth majoring in Biology on the pre-med track with too many minors (chemistry, philosophy, theology, and I'm a part of the honors program). I have a cat that lives with my parents in my hometown Sunnyside, WA. I like hiking, backpacking, rock climbing, and pretty much anything outdoors. This past summer I got my wilderness first responder certification and my EMT certification. I wanted to be a Praxis leader because I really liked youth group when I was in high school and I want to be more involved in First Pres!



Eric: Hi! Up until recently I worked for a computer company, and now am part of a small group of talented individuals bent on world domination! I have a cat named Hobbes, and when I get free time, I enjoy building/painting toy soldiers. In my experience with Encounter this past summer, I learned that Praxis may be an opportunity to contribute more to my church family!