Kellie May is the embodiment of a life-long learner. She first graduated from the University of Utah in 1995, earning a Bachelor of Science in health education with a history teaching minor. The following August, Kellie was hired by Salt Lake City School District just a few days before school started. Bryant Intermediate is where she would begin her 22-year professional career.

Since being a novice teacher was not quite stressful enough, Kellie returned to the University of Utah in 1997 to pursue her first Masters degree in Educational Studies. Again, she graduated, this time in 2000, and her three-month old son Porter was in the audience that afternoon with the rest of her supportive family.

Porter, born prematurely, necessitated early intervention services which introduced his mom to another area of education, early childhood. Kellie soon found herself enrolled at the U once again, working toward a license in special education and soon after, she found herself teaching preschool special education at Lincoln Elementary. The difference between middle school and preschool, surprisingly not that different.

A few years later, Kellie made the switch back to middle school, this time at Northwest. Here she was encouraged by an administrator to pursue an administrative license. This landed her back at the U and studying with cohort that would lead to a Masters degree in Educational Leadership and Policy. She has decided not to leave the classroom, yet, maybe not ever.

Kellie keeps herself from becoming a veteran teacher by changing things up every few years. She has been a teacher at West High School for the past seven years and an associate instructor for UITE for the past four years. With a spouse that supports her continual desire for knowledge and mentors who provide a variety of opportunities, Kellie will continue to be life-long learner.

A career highlight was being recognized as the 2017 Utah Public School Teacher of the Year by the College of Education. 1 district, 3 degrees, 4 schools, 6 classrooms, 9 principals, 10 student teachers, and thousands of students later, Kellie realizes that there is still a lot more to learn and that her students are and will always be, her greatest teachers.