

MINDY PARKER

Mindy is a relative newcomer to campus, having worked here since 2005. Her first year was spent in Research and Sponsored Programs. She moved to the Management Department after that first year, in order to spend more time working with students.

Living between Milton and Janesville, she finds herself on the road for a thirty minute commute to and from work – something she doesn't mind as long as the weather is decent. Mindy has one daughter, Lauren, who is nine and a half years old. Lauren is very creative and enjoys art. And, being nine years old, she is a young lady who likes socializing with her friends.

When not at work, Mindy loves to cook and bake, and she likes listening to a variety of music. She received a degree in Interior Design at MATC in Madison, so she enjoys working on home projects and painting. She tries to get outside when the weather is nice, to garden and do yard work. Her top priority is spending lots of time with Lauren and they have a lot of fun together. They have one dog, a fourteen-year-old female beagle named Bailey. Mindy says that Bailey has always been a rather naughty pup, having failed obedience school. She laughs and shrugs. "Beagles train you, you don't train them."

Mindy's ADA position in the Management Department includes clerical and budget responsibilities. She works with the timetable, supervises the student employees, and assists the department chairperson with reports and other projects. She likes working with students and providing them with the assistance they need to complete their college education. She says that she loves to see students when they first start school and are trying to pull everything together, and then watch them grow over the years and ultimately obtain a job or move ahead with their education. She doesn't have an opportunity to see many graduate students because so many enroll in the online graduate program, but she sees quite a few undergraduate students.

Mindy likes UW-Whitewater because it is a smaller campus and is easy to navigate. She feels that it's easier to become acquainted with people because classes are smaller and the faculty gets to know the students. "It's a nice, compact campus. The athletics are great and it's fun to attend the games."

As for the many ongoing changes on campus, Mindy admits that the move to Hyland Hall has been a bit of a challenge, but they are pretty much moved in and getting everything situated in the office. She thinks the building is a great facility for the students and hopes they will appreciate all it has to offer.