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Meet 2020-2021 Class Member | **Kelli Krause** | Siefert & Co.

I am a lifelong resident of DeKalb and a proud graduate of both DeKalb High School and Northern Illinois University. I first graduated from NIU in 2007 with a Bachelors in Math Education. I taught high school math for four years in Rockford and Belvidere, and then spent six wonderful years teaching middle school math at St. Mary School in DeKalb. Though I loved teaching, I decided that a career change was necessary for the well-being of myself and my family. I returned to NIU and graduated in August 2019 with a Master of Accountancy. Upon finishing my degree, I was very fortunate to learn of an opening for an accountant at Siefert & Co. in Sycamore. They saw potential in me, and I have been a member of the team since September 2019. I am so thankful they gave me an opportunity; I don't think I could have found a better place to start my new career. At home, I am a mother of three children, ages 20, 13, and 6 months, and a wife to the man I knew I was going to marry when I met him in high school. With a full-time job, three children, two dogs, and a husband keeping me on my toes, spare time is really hard to come by, but when I have some, I enjoy reading, going on long bike rides, and spending time with my family. I especially enjoy the vacations we take each summer. Our favorite trip so far was to Arizona where we saw the Painted Desert, Petrified Forest, red rocks near Sedona, and the spectacular Grand Canyon. This summer we hope to visit Great Smoky Mountains National Park and explore Pigeon Forge, TN.



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