

Get To Know Smoky Hills PBS In Your Neighborhood

Meet Kelli

Director of Finance and Administration



How long have you been with the station? 13 years

What do you do at Smoky Hills PBS?

I handle all the financial and human resource needs of the station.

What do you LOVE about Smoky Hills PBS?

I love how PBS targets all age groups and helps our viewers explore the world while sitting in their homes in Kansas.

What is your favorite thing about working here?

I love being able to work on many different projects, from financials to grant administration, to children's Share-A-Story project, I am always working on something different every day.

What is a fun fact about you?

My first time at the station was when I was 8 years old and came to meet Mr. McFeely from Mister Rogers' Neighborhood.

Who/what inspired you most to get involved with a nonprofit such as Smoky Hills PBS?

My parents were both educators and taught me from a young age that we should spend our entire lives trying to learn new things. PBS does that from our youngest viewers watching our PBS KIDS programming to those that are young at heart watching one of our documentaries.

Where do you hope to see the station in 5 years?

I hope in 5 years we have built a new studio so that we can have the adequate space and technology to continue producing local productions that matter to the communities we serve.

What is your favorite program on SHPBS (current or past)?

I enjoy watching the local sports programming. Coming from a small town, I know that the larger media outlets will often forget about the small towns in central and western Kansas and I love that we are able to highlight those athletes, too.

Who is your favorite children's programming character? Daniel Tiger

As a child, what was your favorite PBS program? Mister Rogers' Neighborhood

What is one skill you have gained by working for SHPBS?

Persistence. It is hard to work for a non-profit organization that relies heavily on financial donations, but having that "never quit" attitude makes it easier.