



Seville Hering, PhD is a compassionate, quick witted, ardent educator. She is faculty at an area college and has been a college instructor for 22 years. Her expertise lie in Communication Studies, Leadership and Diversity Studies as well as Social Science Research Methods courses. The classroom environment that she creates fosters a safe space for students to explore and challenge their believes, perceptions, and biases.

Dr. Hering, who prefers to be called Mama H, has a unique life story that is, thus far, full of twists and turns, sorrows and triumphs, faith and hope, yet is absolutely awe-inspiring. Mama H is a first generation college graduate, let alone the first in her family to receive a doctoral degree. Additionally, she has a husband of 21 years, three children who

keep her grounded, and a hobby farm filled with rejected animals who now have a place to call home.

She has been a horse lover her entire life and horse owner since her teens where she showed 4-H and open shows in English, dressage, and jumping. She moved away from the horse life when she attended college, but when her children expressed interest in horses, she was happy to return to that lifestyle.

Mama H has always been an active member in each 4-H group she joined as life moved her across the state where she has settled in Pierce county. She regularly volunteers to lead educational projects such as public speaking, poster displays, and impeccable fair decorating. She has coached one of her daughters in public speaking to 4-H Nationals in Kentucky, both in individual and team presentations, placing fourth last year.

Currently, she is in her 3rd year as leader of Gig Harbor 4-H. Mama H provides educational workshops and clinics in judging and public speaking county-wide. In addition to enhancing club members' knowledge and love of horses, her club excels in community outreach and service with efforts in public lands trail cleaning, nursing home equine therapy, food bank shelf stocking, and soup kitchen preparation and cleaning.

She is active in her community and has a strong desire to advocate for equity and inclusion. This dedication is equaled only by her initiative to encourage others to keep pressing forward and forge their own path. For she herself continues to persevere through life's adversity as she adds fascinating chapters to her life story.