



What is your name and where are you from?

My name is Brenna Carter and I am from Broomfield, Colorado.

What's a positive about serving high school students during a pandemic?

Overall, the pandemic has been quite hard on students. However, the distance from school has given them time to reflect and has highlighted how much many of the students value school. Outreach with students has led to great conversation and interaction, as they are looking for people to connect with from the school. They have been super enthusiastic about having someone to talk to from the school.

What are you looking forward to learning during your year of service?

I am looking forwards to learning how to work with students directly. My background is in areas of assessment where the staff tells people what they need and what is available. I am so excited to approach support from a different perspective where I am encouraging students to self-advocate for what they need and searching for resources.

What are you proud of so far this school year?

I am proud of the connections I have built with students, despite the distance and limitations on our interaction. I still feel supportive and connected to them, despite never meeting them.

What is a strategy you use to improve relationships with your students?

I have been working to address students from a point of interest in their hobbies, which I believe has helped me forge connections with them despite their remote status. Topics like music and films have led to more complex conversations fairly quickly, which I was not expecting to be able to do with students in remote learning.