Austin Montessori School alum Kerri Bond is currently working toward her PhD in Higher Education Studies and Leadership at Baylor University. She also works in Baylor’s Title IX office, completing research and best practice projects. Kerri attended the AMS lower and upper elementary programs (grades 1-6) from 1990-1996. After AMS, she attended the magnet program at Kealing Junior High, then the Liberal Arts and Science Academy at LBJ High School. She then earned her BA from Randolph-Macon Woman’s College (now Randolph College), and her MSEd from Baylor. Kerri next spent 7 years at Sweet Briar College (Virginia), where she worked in admissions and then in residence life, before embarking on her doctoral program at Baylor.

Kerri says she believes “wholeheartedly in the Montessori method and environment. All three of my children have attended or are attending Montessori schools.” Asked why, she recalls that “[a]t AMS, our creativity and intellectual curiosity were always encouraged. I stepped out of my Montessori environment at the age of 12 ready for the rigor of advanced learning environments, and, with the support of my parents, I expected to be challenged in my academics. I credit the academic foundation that was cultivated at AMS for my lifelong love of learning, and it’s one of the most important aspects of my professional life.

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