Westfield HS technology specialist finds strong foundation for success as a Spring ISD alum

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Jackie Gilchrist knows Spring ISD. The Westfield High School Campus Technology Specialist – and Westfield graduate – has seen the district in good times and bad, through highs and lows, and understands, often from her own personal experience, the challenges its students face. Through it all, she continues to believe in Spring ISD and its mission to serve its students – in whom she sees a lot of herself as a young person.

“I’ve been here since 1990, worked here for 19 years, my mother-in-law works here, I met my husband here,” said Gilchrist, reflecting on decades spent as a student and then staff member in the district. “I say that I basically have Spring ISD running through my veins. That’s how I feel.”

Gilchrist grew up on the district’s southwest side, attending Link Elementary School and Wells Middle School and graduating from Westfield High School. She met her husband – who attended Spring High School – when the two were still teenagers.

As the district’s only two high schools at that time, the rivalry between the schools was fierce, and Gilchrist jokes that their campus-crossed romance had a touch of scandal to it among their friends – like Shakespeare’s Romeo and Juliet falling in love, despite their families’ differences. Sometimes, Gilchrist admitted, she still pulls out her old Westfield jacket to tease her husband, especially when the Mustangs are on a winning streak.