

Brian McIntosh

Brian McIntosh was brought up in Olympia, Washington until he was 18 years old. After graduating from secondary school, he went to Harvard in Cambridge, Massachusetts for college. This was a big adjustment because it was all the way across the country. At Harvard, Brian played football (called soccer in the US) and majored in Economics with a minor in Organismic and Evolutionary Biology. On Friday afternoons, he would volunteer to tutor students on the SAT to help them get prepared for college.

When Brian was graduating college in 2011, he was deciding what he wanted to do. After realizing how much he liked tutoring, he joined a program called Teach for America, which places college students with good grades into teaching positions in school districts in the United States that need teachers. He started teaching high school (secondary school) math in San Jose, California for two years. While teaching, Brian also coached the school football team. After two years in San Jose, Brian wanted to move to San Francisco but keep teaching math so he switched to teacher at a new high school in San Francisco called Gateway High School, where he continued to coach football.

Over four years at Gateway, Brian taught Precalculus, Geometry, Algebra 2, Civics (Government) and Computer Science. It was interesting teaching so many different subjects because he felt like he was learning so much. While working at Gateway teaching computer science, he got really interested in CS and took a course in coding after work.

After graduating from the coding class, Brian got a job at an education technology company called Edcite where he currently works as a Product Manager and on Business Development. Edcite allows teachers to make digital assignments for their students to complete on a computer or other device. As a product manager, a lot of his work is involved in speaking with teachers about what they would like to see in the website. After speaking with teachers, Brian works with designers to design new pages or apps to add to the website and helps developers with building and testing them.

Brian still coaches the Gateway High School football team, which won the championship for Northern California last year. Picture of the team is below! He is also interested snow skiing, cooking and learning. He is excited about working with FEA after hearing about it from another mentor! Helping students learn has been a lifelong passion of Brian's so he is really excited to have the opportunity to be in a classroom again! :)