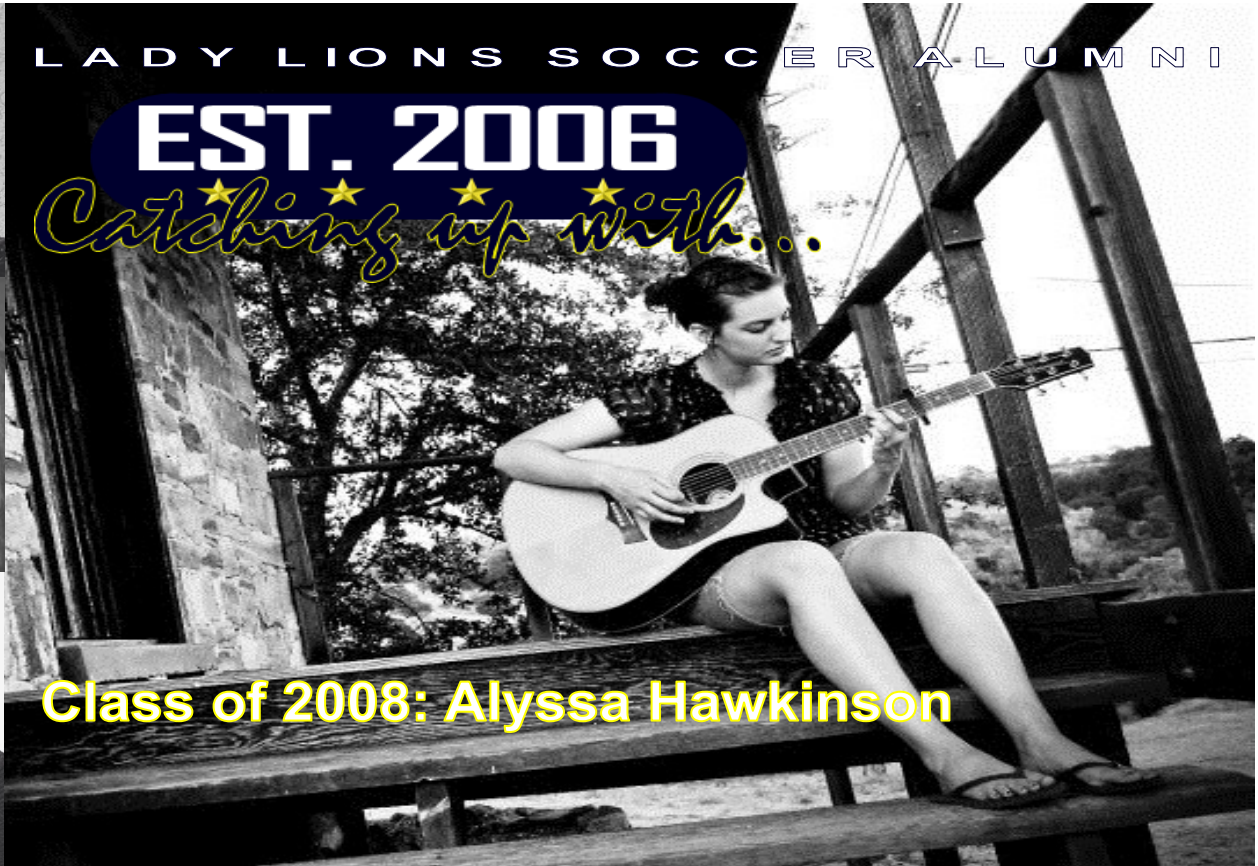
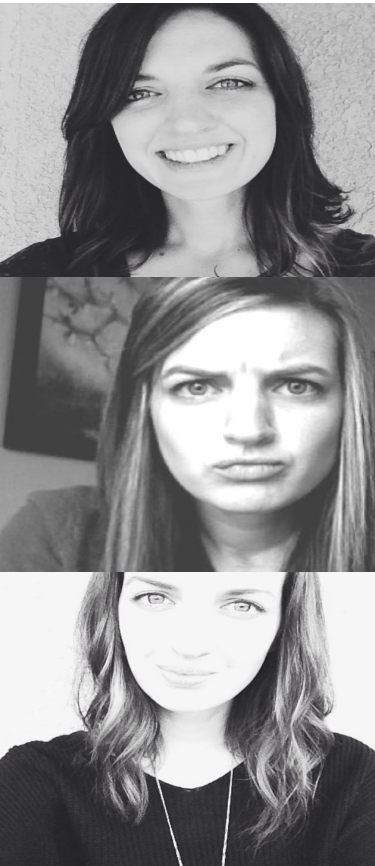


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Catching up with...



Class of 2008: Alyssa Hawkinson

I first met Alyssa as a student in one of my Bible classes. Always one to make us laugh she had a heart to serve. Her relationship with the Lord was evident and very refreshing to witness as a teacher. When she came to our team meeting and was asked how many years she played soccer her answer was..."This is my first year." Usually players who have never played the game quit after the first year. Not Alyssa! She played for three years and is part of the Inaugural Lady Lion Team of 2006! As she was in the classroom, Alyssa was always an encourager on the field. Today she takes those gifts impacting hundreds of young people every year as a member of Hume Lake Retreat Center Administration Team! Next time you're visiting Hume Lake, stop by the office and say hello to this special Lady Lion Alumni!

I'll let you catch up!!!!

When did you graduate Big Valley?

2008



Where did you attend College? Degree?

I attended MJC for a little while.



Tell us about your family. Husband? Children?

None at this time.



What is your 9-5 job?

I work at the Joshua Wilderness Institute which is located at Hume Lake. My job is awesome, but much more than a 9-5 kind of job. I get to work with college-aged students, in a very unique “gap-year program” environment.



In the last ten years what has been your proudest moment?

In the last ten years, I’ve had the opportunity to live out some of my dreams. Specifically, dreams of travel and working in ministry, and when I get to do those together, its the best!

What are the most important lessons you’ve learned since graduating from high school?

For me, a huge thing has just been learning what it looks like to walk with Jesus daily. Learning what it looks like to love others, to show grace, and live in joy.



What is your favorite memory with the Lady Lions?

I loved so many things about being on the team, for me though, the most memorable things happened off of the field. I loved the car rides to games, and the hanging out before and after practice and the friendships that were built through the

team.

How has your involvement with the Lady Lions helped you?

Being a part of the Lady Lions really helped instill a new confidence in me. I was challenged to push myself to new limits, to improve my skills, and to deepen friendships with other girls on the team. It was also a great way for me to get connected in a new school. I appreciated the care that both Coach Limon and Coach Stacey, put into the team, and its amazing to see where the team is now from where it started!

