

MEET YOUR TUTOR

Tara Shuman

Founder & Chief Learning Officer, Wildewood Education

A Lifelong Educator and Entrepreneur

Tara Shuman founded Wildewood Education in 2017, but her path to building a thriving tutoring and college-prep organization started years earlier, in the classroom. What began as a tutoring practice for students from middle school through PhD programs has grown into a multi-program education company with locations in Norwood and Medfield, MA — and Tara still brings the same hands-on teaching instinct to it every day.



From the Classroom to the Courtroom and Back Again

Tara has spent most of her career teaching. She began as a full-time teacher of English, World History, and Economics at Canton High School, and later spent six years teaching English Language Arts to 11th and 12th graders at Boston Prep in Hyde Park, where she also designed and taught “Spoken Word and Creative Conversations,” an elective for 9th and 10th graders, and built the school's SAT prep program for all 11th graders. In between, Tara completed a law degree at night while teaching full-time during the day, graduating *cum laude* from Suffolk University Law School. She went on to practice corporate and health care law at Ropes & Gray and Verrill LLP, counseling hospitals, medical schools, and physician practices, and spent nine months at Harvard Medical School's Office of Academic and Research Integrity. Her *pro bono* work — winning political asylum for multiple clients and assisting many others with immigration and family law matters — earned her recognition as a 2014 Excellence in the Law Honoree from Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly and the Political Asylum/Immigration Representation Project's 2013 Outstanding Pro Bono Asylum Attorney award.

Building Wildewood Education

Since 2017, Tara has grown Wildewood Education into a tutoring and college-prep organization serving students at every stage. She has personally tutored students through the SAT, the Uniform Bar Examination, college coursework, and graduate programs; provided writing and communication support to executives; and taught students internationally in India, Egypt, and Germany. Her long-term vision for Wildewood includes eventually launching a 501(c)(3) independent school.

A Strong Academic Foundation

Tara graduated *summa cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa from Bowdoin College with a degree in History (Highest Honors) and a minor in Education, earning a 3.91 GPA. She was selected as her class's Commencement Speaker, won the Lucien Howe Prize for “highest qualities of conduct and character,” chaired Bowdoin's Judicial Board, and captained the college's first women's varsity golf team. She later earned her Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from Suffolk University Law School.

Beyond Wildewood

Tara is a published author — her memoir, *Hope Is a Good Breakfast*, shares her experience with breast cancer. Since 2013, she has volunteered extensively with the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, serving on its Patient Family Advisory Council, speaking at DFCI's Annual Young Adults Conference and other events, and captaining a Jimmy Fund Walk team that has raised more than \$1.5 million for cancer research over the past decade.