



20 QUESTIONS

ACS Team

Celebrating 20 Years of ACS

ACS is 20 years old! We're celebrating this milestone with a game of "20 Questions" with our amazing ACS team!

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- 1 What's your philosophy for life?**
Give everyone grace, including yourself.
- 2 Best book you've read lately?**
The Friday Afternoon Club by Griffin Dunne
- 3 Something you've done in your work that you're most proud of?**
10 years of strategic communication and media relations work to help PRE4CLE build its recognition as a leading voice in early childhood in Ohio.
- 4 Favorite watering hole?**
My patio by the fire pit any time of year.
- 5 One public policy you'd change?**
I'd codify Roe and ensure that we all have a right to bodily autonomy.
- 6 What made you choose your career path?**
Reading *Life* magazine at my grandfather's house was a huge inspiration. I was so curious about the people who were featured in the magazine. I became inspired to ask questions and go deep when researching a topic. I wanted to hear people's stories and to share them with the world. That inspired me to become a journalist, and the important skills I learned as a reporter translated well into strategic communication work.
- 7 A favorite mentor?**
Cindy Klug, formerly of The Cleveland Foundation and BrownFlynn.
- 8 Rock, rap, or country?**
Mostly rap but could do any of the three, especially if I'm on vacation.
- 9 Dogs vs. cats: who rules and who drools?**
I'm a die hard cat lady.
- 10 Favorite thing about working with ACS?**
The personalities of the women on the team. They are whip-smart and push me to be my best.



11 A skill that might surprise us?

I can still do a handstand in the pool.

12 Biggest “win” or “lesson learned” of your career so far?

Sometimes saying nothing is the right strategy.

13 Favorite vacation spot?

St. John USVI.

14 Ideal weekend activities?

A *NY Times* Crossword puzzle session with my husband and daughters, a really delicious meal in the oven, and some quality time talking and catching up on life.

15 Pet peeve?

Loud chewing. Political ads.

16 Advice for rising leaders in your field?

Precision is important. Know everything there is to know. Triple check your work. Pay attention to punctuation because it still matters. Show pride in your work.

17 If you could magically become an expert in anything, what would it be?

The British Royal Family so I can become a commenter on documentaries and podcasts.

18 Favorite holiday?

Thanksgiving. I love doing the cooking, with the house all cozy and warm, and having Forced Family Fun board game sessions with my husband and adult daughters.

19 Country you’d live in if not this one?

Any that value body autonomy and take care of its children.

20 Most recent thing that made you smile?

Seeing how happy my daughter is in Seattle during a recent FaceTime. Listening to my younger daughter talk about how excited she is to go off to college in the fall. Anything my cats do.