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Debra fell in love with journalism when she was 15, and has spent her career making others care about the craft too. As a reporter and editor, she learned early on that listening was a skill to continually be honed; that a little extra effort could make an article go from good to great; and that amplifying voices and viewpoints through storytelling was powerful.

She worked in a few newsrooms before landing at The Washington Post, where she worked for almost a decade, including a stint as editor of its Sunday magazine. There she began to transform from a traditional editor to a digital thinker. She led the Post's GoingOutGuide.com site and launched an iPhone app.

In 2012, she became the top editor of a wire service that was owned by McClatchy, the parent company of the Statesman. After two years, she became the publisher in State College, Pa. Two years after that, she was thrilled to be named publisher and president in Boise.

Debra was born into a military family, was raised primarily in Hawaii and Florida. She graduated from the University of Florida with honors, earning a bachelor's degree in journalism. She was named a distinguished alumna in journalism in 2013. She lives near the East End with her husband, Tom, and sons, Luke, 13 and Zack, 8.