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## 'People with a good sense of humor'

**Jesse Kline****1969:** Born in Cortland**1974:** Moved to Auburn**1987:** Moved to Fredonia (to attend State University College at Fredonia, where she studied art history and museum studies)**1990:** Moved to Europe (Spent six months studying Italian Renaissance art in Florence, Italy; then spent three months working in retail on Mykonos island in Greece)**1990:** Moved to Fredonia (to complete her studies)**1993:** Moved to Richmond, Va. (to pursue a master's degree in art history and museum studies at Virginia Commonwealth University)**1996:** Moved to Auburn

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**Name**

Jesse Kline

**Age**

35

**Hometown**

Auburn

**What is your job?**

I am the communications specialist for the Cayuga County Office of Tourism, and I also work on my own as an interior decorator.

**What was your connection to Central New York before you left?**

I had grown up here and had a good experience, with many family and friends still living in the area.

**When and why did you move away?**

I last moved away in 1993 to pursue a master's in both art history and museum studies at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Before that, I moved to Fredonia in western New York in 1987 to attend State University of New York at Fredonia, where I studied art history and museum studies.

In 1990, I spent six months studying Italian Renaissance art

in Florence, Italy, then spent the summer working in retail on Mykonos, a Greek island. I returned to Fredonia in the fall.

In 1993, I moved to Richmond, Va., to pursue a master's degree in both art history and museum studies at Virginia Commonwealth University.

**What did you miss the most about Central New York?**

I missed having a backyard, beautiful lakes and countryside, and honest people with a good sense of humor.

**What did you miss the least?**

The prejudice and small-mindedness.

**When and why did you move back?**

I returned in 1996 after graduating from Virginia Commonwealth University. I own the house I grew up in in Auburn. That was one of the reasons I returned to Auburn. My father gave me the house. How could I turn that down?

**What do you miss most about the other places?**

Cultural diversity, lots of live entertainment options, places to dance, better shopping venues.

**Has Central New York changed since you left?**

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**JESSE KLINE** is communications specialist for the Cayuga County Office of Tourism and a self-employed interior decorator. She's standing in her home, in Auburn.

Yes, I think it has progressed. Now manufacturing is no longer the driving force of our Central New York economy. Tourism, small businesses and the service industry have filled that role.

**Are you glad you came back?**

Of course! I have been amazed at the professional opportunities that have opened up to me here. I have also been able to grow my network of friends

and connections much easier. I appreciate the resources that we have here much more, since being back. Now, I promote the region and convince others to come and visit or stay.

**Do you expect to move away again?**

In a dream world, I'd love to live the winter months somewhere warm . . . Surprise, surprise!