

Faces of LCAP

Meet your Clovis Unified LCAP Team

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What is Your Current Role?

My role as Alt Ed Transition secretary, I feel, is to welcome students, staff, families and community into our Community Resource Center daily. I also assist students in their daily needs to be their best self, helping them with a snack or school supplies and building relationships with them.

Can You Walk Us Through Your Typical Day?

I arrive at the Community Resource Center early to turn on the heat and make coffee for the students; this gives them a warm place to go in the cold mornings. I welcome new students to the school and give tours of the campus. I assist the Transition Coordinator with daily routines, duties, counseling students, setting them up with a SRL or counselors. I oversee break /lunch duty at the CRC as we have a nice group of kids that join us for lunch daily. I help kids with computer needs, writing resumes or I can be a good listener.

“ I have been lucky enough to work in several different departments during my career here at CUSD, I worked in the SRC, Athletics, and Activities offices, which prepared me to serve my transition kids needs better. I love my current job! ”

What Has Been Your Most Memorable Moment?

Being nominated for the CUSD crystal award by my peers. Also, I have made some lifelong friends with a few of my students. One traveled abroad and got married and just had a baby. We correspond regularly. Another young lady graduated from her home school and works and attends Junior college. We have coffee once a month or go to the gym together.

Who Have Been Your Mentors?

My mentor has been Denise Sandifer. She got me involved in Project Smart, where I became a mentor to kids who are at risk. I have been mentoring the same mentee since she was in 4th grade and now she is in 9th grade. It has been a rewarding few years. I also have worked with some great teachers like Randi Steele. She and I did a CSI group, where we tried to teach new strategies to students to help with anger issues. It is always rewarding when you see the kids on campus using these strategies.

How Does Your Leadership Relate to the LCAP?

I feel my role on campus is more of mother figure to many of our students. I bring some stability to them by caring for them as if they were my own kids. I remind them about eating balanced meals, doing homework or just making good choices daily. I teach them about manners and professionalism to help make them better people.

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