



LEAP AWARD SPOTLIGHT



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QUESTIONS?

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How did you first become involved with IVYP?

Several years ago, when IVYP applied for a grant from the Towbes Foundation, I toured the Children Center as part of a routine site visit. IVYP turned out to not be a very routine place! I had been a consulting psychologist at three preschools in the Washington DC area for about 7 years before I moved back to Santa Barbara. I was familiar with the landscape and challenges of early childhood education. From that first site visit, I knew that IVYP was something different. IVYP's program looked well beyond the educational needs of each child, providing a breadth and depth of family and community support, recognizing that meeting children's needs go well beyond what happens in the classroom. IVYP knows that children thrive when families are supported and communities are strong and safe.

What is one thing people should know about IVYP?

IVYP is not just a preschool; nor is it just about youth. IVYP is a leader in strengthening community, with resources from immigration support to an emergency food pantry to disaster preparedness fairs. But, my favorite IVYP fact is that in 2019, IVYP staff changed over 46,000 diapers!

Who was your favorite teacher and how did they inspire you?

I have always loved school and have fond memories of many teachers, but probably my favorite was my high school English teacher, Susan Steiner, who taught me the power of words and helped me find my voice.

When you were 5, what did you want to be when you grew up?

Like many kids, at age 5, I wanted to be a veterinarian. I have had dogs all of my life (and a few cats, hamsters, and fish along the way). I cherish that unconditional love that pets provide. I currently am the human mom to a four-year-old Golden Retriever, Audrey.



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I first became involved with IVYP over 20 years ago, through First 5 (Prop10). It was during one of the eleven community meetings in 2000 when First 5 traveled across Santa Barbara County to introduce Prop 10 and to get input for our very first strategic plan.

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IVYP shines a light on families that otherwise might be overshadowed in this midst of a large college student population. Additionally, I have seen firsthand while working an afternoon at the IVYP food distribution how the community works together to meet the needs of both families and students.

Who was your favorite teacher and how did they inspire you?

I had a couple of favorite school teachers.

1. My 3rd grade Mr. Bromberger encouraged our class to help each other succeed in our classwork. He encouraged those of us who did not struggle with learning to help those who were and as a result, I have never forgotten the importance of not judging others who may struggle when I did not. I did not understand it then but later on, I did; it was about walking in other's shoes and experiences and how helping others can help you.
2. My 8th grade Mrs. Sylvia Geron. She reinforced what my ultimate favorite teachers inspired in me (my parents, grandparents, great-grandparents) always said, "YOU CAN BE ANYTHING YOU WANT AND WE EXPECT THAT YOU WILL " She also inspired me to be my best and would often put that to the test. (The preamble to the Constitution... the bane of my 8th experiencelol)

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A teacher!