



LEAP AWARD SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Liz Barnitz



How did you first become involved with IVYP?

IVYP and I crossed paths for two programs, ASES and GUSD State preschools. Through Health Linkages our preschools attend the health fair together every year, and meet up every year to hear plans for the fair and discuss the subsequent results. The IVYP director and I would chat about our programs, and she spoke so highly of the CALM Early Consultation Coach program that was in place at IVYP. It took us a few years to catch on ourselves, and now, thanks to IVYP's enthusiasm and persistence, we are the fortunate participants in the CALM ECC program, which, I can safely say, has transformed our preschool teachers, students and families in many ways.

Thanks to the Bower Foundation, and specifically Jon Clark, we are brought together through a grant that makes this program happen and has also brought Alejandra, the family advocate to our preschools and school sites, and her perseverance and endless energy for helping families has also been transformative for our preschools specifically, and our schools more broadly.

What is one thing people should know about IVYP?

IVYP serves all of Goleta! This was the big "AHA" I had last spring, and while it may seem obvious to many, it wasn't until I saw a map that was created to illustrate the geographical scope of the work IVYP did for all of Goleta that it became clear that this organization was here for all our families.

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

I can't remember his name but it was my junior high Algebra teacher. School came easily to me—until algebra. And he was a favorite teacher of mine not in the way that one would expect—not because he praised me (which he didn't), but he quietly challenged me to accomplish something I felt was insurmountable for me at the time. He empowered me as a learner, to try and understand something that seemed incomprehensible, to take small steps and find small victories, and not to be overwhelmed by what I at first couldn't understand immediately. I guess he was my first teacher who led me to understand what a growth mindset is without using that term.

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

A singer. I always wanted to be a singer.

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How did you first become involved with IVYP?

I first met IVYP at IV school, later through First Five, later again through their great work with Thrive.

What is one thing people should know about IVYP?

It's not just about Isla Vista, the work goes far beyond those boundaries.

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

Actually, my favorite teacher was a coach, Gregg Wilson, who really showed me how teams can actually become greater than the sum of their parts.

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

I honestly can't remember. Mostly I remember being pretty happy about being 5.