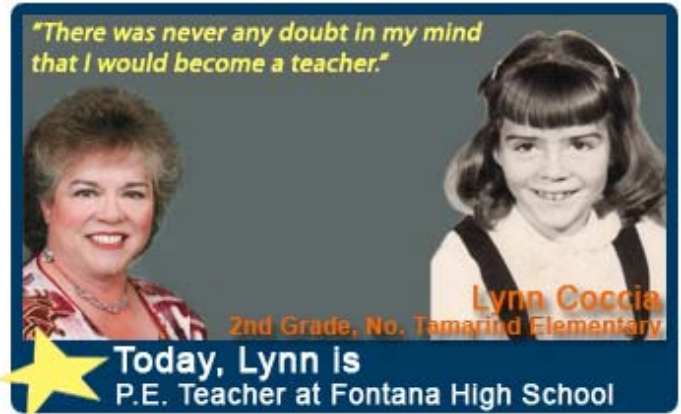




# Fontana STAR

## Lynn Beal

shares how she is inspired



Profile in Excellence:	Lynn Beal, P.E. Teacher at Fontana High School
<b>FUSD Schools Attended:</b>	North Tamarind Elementary School Alder Junior High School Fontana High School
<b>Higher Education:</b>	BA in Physical Education from Chapman College
<b>FUSD Career Experiences:</b>	I have always, only taught at Fohi since 1975.
<b>Who were the FUSD staff that affected you most as a student?</b>	<i>My first grade teacher at North Tamarind, Violet McCabe, instilled in me a profound love of reading; Caroline Cotton, also at North Tamarind, showed me how much fun you could have being a teacher; and, of course – no surprise here – Jerry Dison at Fohi boosted my self-confidence in my own abilities far beyond what I could have imagined.</i>
<b>What did you dream of growing-up to be as a child that would lead you to your work with FUSD?</b>	<i>My second grade teacher, Mrs. Flower, had us bring pictures of people representing what we wanted to be when we grew-up for a classroom poster. There were so many firefighters, police officers, ballerinas and nurses and there was my lone picture of what I thought a teacher should look like. There was never any doubt in my mind that I would become a teacher.</i>
<b>Since you've joined FUSD as staff, what experience(s) have you been most proud of?</b>	<i>There have been so many! I coached girls' and boys' volleyball for several years and I was always proud of their accomplishments. Having worked with both Eric Peavy and my husband, Paul Beal, with the afterschool drama program has been a constant high for me with so many dedicated and talented students over the years.</i>
<b>What keeps you up at night about your work for FUSD?</b>	<i>I have always tried to leave my work at school. The things that have gone home with me have been the concerns for my colleagues in times of financial difficulties such as now.</i>
<b>What do you think is the biggest misconception the public has about our work?</b>	<i>Too many people still think that we work from 7:30 am to 2:30 pm and that is that. They don't realize how much extra time goes into planning and working with our kids on a daily basis and during our vacation times!</i>
<b>What can the community do to strengthen public education?</b>	<i>Parents need to be involved in their students' education – keeping up-to-date on their progress, helping them with their homework and just showing an interest in what they do during and after school. I have seen too many students involved in drama productions whose parents never show up to see them.</i>

**What inspires you to give your very best for the students of FUSD?**

*The teachers of FUSD gave their very best for me as a student, for my daughter as a student at Fohi, and for me as a colleague. It's the least I can do to return the favor for these kids!*

**What might staff or students be surprised to learn about you?**

*That I was very shy as an FUSD student. There are a lot of kids who just fade into the woodwork at this point in their lives – there is hope for a brighter, fuller future!*

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