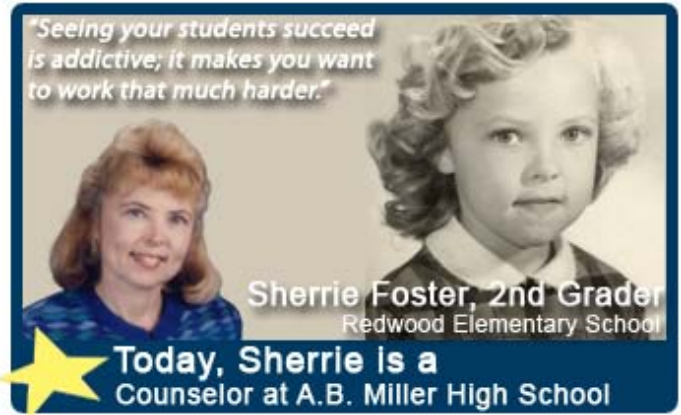


"Fontana Star" is our web series profiling district staff and alumni who are distinguished for their dedication on behalf of students, commitment to excellence and notable accomplishments in service of FUSD.



Sherrie Carmean

shares how she is inspired



Profile in Excellence: Sherrie Carmean, Counselor

<p>FUSD Schools Attended:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redwood Elementary School (K-6th grade) • Sequoia Junior High School (7th & 9th grade) • Fontana Junior High School (8th Grade) • Fontana High School (10th – 12th Grade, Class of 1967)
<p>Higher Education:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of California, Los Angeles (BA & Teaching Credential) • Azusa Pacific (MA & Pupil Personnel Credential)
<p>FUSD Career Experiences:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sequoia Junior High School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - English & Reading Teacher (17 years) - Program Manager (3 years) • Fontana High School, Counselor (1 year) • A.B. Miller High School, Counselor (17-½ years)
<p>Who were the FUSD staff that affected you most as a student?</p>	<p><i>I had many wonderful teachers. I especially remember Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. White, and Mr. Fairchild in elementary school. From my junior high years, Mr. Conway, Mr. Robbins, Mrs. Robinson, and Mr. Howe stand out. In high school, my favorites were all English teachers: Mr. Arkin, Mrs. Ruh, and Mr. Dison. I also really loved my history teacher, Mr. Freeman.</i></p>
<p>What did you dream of growing-up to be as a child that would lead you to your work with FUSD?</p>	<p><i>As a child, I forced all my little sisters and brothers and the neighborhood kids to play "school" all the time, so I guess I've always wanted to be a teacher.</i></p>
<p>Since you've joined FUSD as staff, what experience(s) have you been most proud of?</p>	<p><i>Although I've written or helped to write winning Distinguished School applications for both Sequoia and A.B. Miller, and have been involved in developing and implementing many innovative and successful programs, I think that I am really most proud of the successes of my students.</i></p>
<p>What keeps you up at night about your work for FUSD?</p>	<p><i>I worry that so many students these days do not have the desire or motivation to reach their full potential.</i></p>
<p>What do you think is the biggest misconception the public has about our work?</p>	<p><i>I often hear from parents that teachers only care about their "paycheck." This is so untrue. Most teachers love their work and their students and truly care about the emotional, social, and academic success of each child.</i></p>

What can the community do to strengthen public education?	<i>Education should take first priority in every household. Parents need to provide a stable environment for their children and participate in their education. Right now, that is just not the case in many homes.</i>
What inspires you to give your very best for the students of FUSD?	<i>Seeing your students succeed is addictive; it makes you want to work that much harder.</i>
What might staff or students be surprised to learn about you?	<i>I talk so much that my colleagues and friends know everything there is to know about me. If they don't, it's because it's too embarrassing to talk about.</i>

If you know of a "Fontana Star," particularly one who was an FUSD alumnus, you can nominate him or her to be featured by emailing webmaster@fUSD.net. Please provide your name, the name of the individual being nominated, contact information for both of you and a brief description as to why you think the individual qualifies as a Fontana Star.