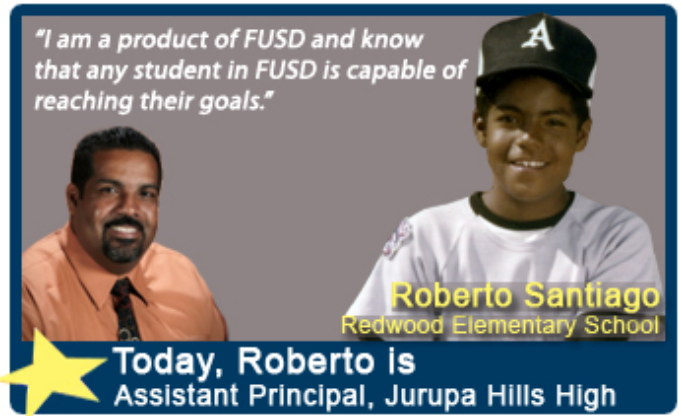




Roberto Santiago
shares how he is inspired



| Profile in Excellence: | | Roberto Santiago, Assistant Principal |
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| FUSD Schools Attended: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redwood Elementary School • Sequoia Junior High School • Fontana High School | |
| Higher Education: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cal Poly Pomona - BS in Engineering Technology • National University - MS in Educational Administration | |
| FUSD Career Experiences: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taught at Fontana High School for 8 years: Health, Physical Science, ELD • Assistant Principal at Fohi for 3 years • Assistant Principal at Truman Middle School for one year • Assistant Principal at Kaiser High School for 5 years • Currently at Jurupa Hills High School as an Assistant Principal | |
| Who were the FUSD staff that affected you most as a student? | <i>There were many and it was because they all cared enough to show an interest: Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Cecil Sisco, Mrs. Zoe Ragan, Mrs. Daisy Robinson, Mr. Don Schava, Mr. Mike King, and Mr. Keith Thompson.</i> | |
| What did you dream of growing-up to be as a child that would lead you to your work with FUSD? | <i>Growing up in Fontana, I wanted to do play-by-play for sports and/or become an engineer. Because sports broadcasters never seem to retire and are around for a long time, I did not know if I could wait that long, so I went to school and graduated from Cal Poly Pomona with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Engineering Technology. When I graduated college, there were not many jobs in Engineering. Luck would have it I was coaching the son of teachers on a Pony League baseball team. They suggested that I should become a substitute while I waited for an Engineering job. As fate would have it, FoHi needed a science teacher and the rest was history.</i> | |
| Since you've joined FUSD as staff, what experience(s) have you been most proud of? | <i>Seeing students graduate, especially those who others had given up on.</i> | |
| What keeps you up at night about your work for FUSD? | <i>In this age of accountability, how best to maximize resources to maximize learning for ALL students.</i> | |
| What do you think is the biggest misconception the public has about our work? | <i>That teachers and administrators are solely responsible for student outcomes.</i> | |

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| <p>What can the community do to strengthen public education?</p> | <p><i>Work with the schools and not pass judgment until they actually are involved. Get past how schools are portrayed in the news, etc. They cover only what is bad about schools, not what is great about them. The majority of schools are doing positive things for students. Remember that the majority of successful people in society attended public education.</i></p> |
| <p>What inspires you to give your very best for the students of FUSD?</p> | <p><i>I am a product of FUSD and know that any student in FUSD is capable of reaching their goals.</i></p> |
| <p>What might staff or students be surprised to learn about you?</p> | <p><i>That my brother, Gorge (Principal of Oleander Elementary School) is a whole lot smarter than me. Heck, look - he is Elementary Administrator of the year for Region 12 for ACSA. Case Closed.</i></p> |

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