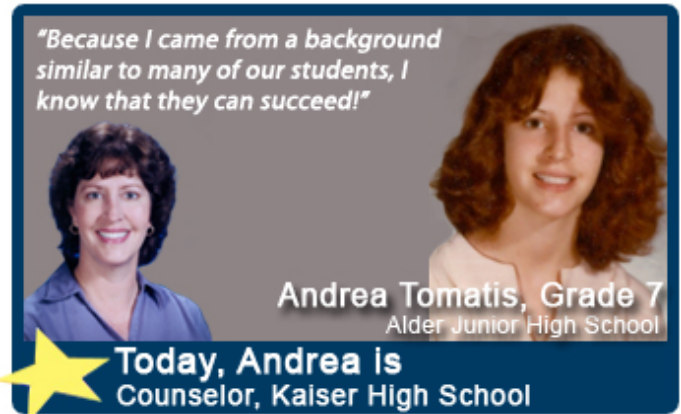




Andrea Delay

shares how she is inspired



Profile in Excellence:	
FUSD Schools Attended:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maple Elementary • North Tamarind Elementary • Alder Middle School • Fontana High School
Higher Education:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California State University, San Bernardino - BS in Biology • Azusa Pacific University, MA in Education
FUSD Career Experiences:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 years at Alder Middle School as a science teacher • 1 year at Henry J. Kaiser H.S. as a biology teacher • 3rd year at Henry J. Kaiser H.S. as a counselor
Who were the FUSD staff that affected you most as a student?	<p><i>There were several teachers that inspired me to do my best at school. One teacher that stands out in my memory was my 6th grade teacher, Mr. Binks. He was a very upbeat teacher that encouraged all students to work hard. He would take his classes on great fieldtrips. To this day, I still remember the wonderful trip the class took to Nevada.</i></p> <p><i>Another teacher I really liked was Gene Josens. Besides being a great teacher, he would discuss his personal interests. The year I was in his class, he talked about taking flight lessons and his beautifully restored cars. His outside interests helped students realize that there's more to life than school.</i></p>
What did you dream of growing-up to be as a child that would lead you to your work with FUSD?	<p><i>I was one of those students with a laundry list of possible career choices. By taking elective courses in high school, some of those careers were crossed off the list. Teachers made a big impact on my life and gave me the desire to do the same!</i></p>
Since you've joined FUSD as staff, what experience(s) have you been most proud of?	<p><i>I'm really proud of my profession both as a teacher and counselor. Although politically we aren't given the respect we deserve, I feel the job we have is very important. Helping young people academically and socially is fantastic.</i></p>
What keeps you up at night about your work for FUSD?	<p><i>I worry about some of the poor choices the students make. They often live for the moment and make bad decisions that cause them to not be successful in school.</i></p>
What do you think is the biggest misconception the public has about our work?	<p><i>I think the public isn't aware the level of dedication it takes to be in education. During the 22 years in this district, I've never seen an empty parking lot an hour after school on a Friday.</i></p>

What can the community do to strengthen public education?	<i>As a parent and educator, I feel that it's important that parents be the moral template for their children. Following the "golden rule" and remembering actions and words both shape a child's future. Parents need to be actively involved in their child's education.</i>
What inspires you to give your very best for the students of FUSD?	<i>Because I came from a background similar to many of our students, I know that they can succeed!</i>
What might staff or students be surprised to learn about you?	<i>I love to travel and have been to many countries.</i>

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