



Academic Senate

Resolution in Honor of Sandra Diaz, Nursing Faculty Colleague

WHEREAS, Sandra Diaz, whose tragic loss will be felt by legions of students who will miss learning from this caring, empathetic, and knowledgeable Nursing Faculty member at De Anza College, succumbed to COVID19 complications on January 29, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Diaz enriched the De Anza community, first as a student, and later through her tireless service as a part-time and then full-time faculty member, mentor, colleague, and friend from 2016 to 2021; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Diaz inspired others with her persistence to complete her educational journey from attaining an Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN) degree, followed by a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), and then a Masters of Science in Nursing and Nursing Education (MSN), all while raising her family of four children; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Diaz worked at El Camino Hospital for over ten years, where she ‘touched’ all she worked with, patients and staff alike; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Diaz was known for her kindness, generosity of time and wisdom with students, and her joyful persona, which made her a pleasure to work with and a truly valued colleague; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Diaz routinely showed her appreciation and care for the staff of De Anza college, even in the face of her own struggles; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Diaz, a proud member of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses, demonstrated the spirit of serving the common good by continuing her work as a nurse and educator during a global pandemic of historic proportions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Academic Senate of De Anza College hereby deeply mourns and respectfully honors our colleague Sandra Diaz for her outstanding service and extraordinary contributions to De Anza College and the surrounding communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the De Anza College Academic Senate as a permanent record of the achievements of and respect for one of De Anza’s finest citizens, and that the original be presented to the family of Sandra Diaz with sincere sympathy and appreciation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Academic Senate Executive Officers of De Anza College pledge to work with De Anza College administrators, faculty and staff colleagues, and students of Sandra Diaz to memorialize her in ways that will help preserve her legacy, memory, and support for generations of nurses and nursing students.