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Professional Learning Specialist

BIOGRAPHY

"I am passionate about school counseling because I believe ALL students should receive information on a wide variety of opportunities that could enhance their future. My "WHY" for joining the field of school counseling is the realization that as a first generation student in the United States, I would not have made it to college without the guidance I received in high school. I am dedicated to supporting students' socio-emotional needs and helping them maximize their potential."

Laura has a passion for working with English language learners. As an English language learner herself, she strives to implement tier 2 interventions to support students' transitions to the United States. Her passion has also led her to work in implementing tier 1 interventions for college and career. Laura is proud that training school counselors to run a comprehensive school counseling program has taught her and kept her accountable to implement the same work in her school. She is a firm believer in social justice and works with her staff to implement a proactive learning space for students. Her expertise lies in working with high school youth. Laura is a lecturer for San Diego State University and has taught courses including Ecological Systems and Social Justice for School Counselors and Family Counseling.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Lecturer, San Diego State University
- Three-time School Counselor of the Year nominee

FUN FACTS

- Laura's traveling goal is to visit the world's seven wonders.
- Laura is the youngest of four siblings.
- Laura loves to run! She has participated in ten half-marathons and one full marathon so far.



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