





1. WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO BECOME A SCHOOL COUNSELOR? WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT YOUR ROLE IN A SCHOOL?

I have always loved working with students, and as a classroom teacher for 12 years, I saw firsthand the value of emotional and pro-social supports in helping students thrive. Becoming the Climate Coach at Springfield has allowed me to reach beyond my own classroom and connect with even more students in meaningful ways. My favorite part of my job is getting to know the students at Springfield—seeing their smiles, celebrating their successes, and being a trusted person they can turn to.

2. HOW DO YOU SUPPORT STUDENTS IN ACHIEVING THEIR ACADEMIC, PERSONAL, AND COLLEGE/CAREER GOALS?

Working with CD-2nd grade students through guidance lessons, I introduce them to important character traits each month and help them develop strategies to apply these values into their daily lives. For students who need additional support, I provide a safe space where they can talk, feel heard, and receive the extra care and encouragement they need to succeed. By building these foundational social-emotional skills early on, I help set them up for future academic and personal success.



3. WHAT ENCOURAGEMENT DO YOU WANT TO OFFER STUDENTS AND FAMILIES TO HELP THEM SUCCEED?

I believe in the power of kindness, perseverance, and believing in yourself. As Taylor Swift says, "Just be yourself, there is no one better." Every student is unique and special in their own way, and that's what makes them amazing. To students and families—embrace who you are, keep striving for your goals, and know that you are supported every step of the way!