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Agustine "Augie" De La Rosa: A Legacy of Service & Impact

In this month's Promise Feature we visit Patterson High School Custodian Agustine "Augie" De La Rosa to learn how his 36 year career in our District has reflected pride in his work, adaptability, and a deep connection with our students and community.



Three Decades of Growth and Relationships

Augie De La Rosa has been with the district since September of 1989, and like the small town of Patterson that he remembers, his career has evolved significantly. Augie spent over 20 years as a custodian at Northmead and eventually moved over to Patterson High School where he remains a Day Custodian. Throughout his time with the district, he has played an integral role in supporting its growth, while also reminiscing about the rich history of Patterson's Past.

"When I started here at [PJUSD] we had less than 2,000 kids District-Wide," said De La Rosa. "Working the night shifts and the day shifts I saw the changes and the growth. I still remember when we had the old Army Barracks at Northmead. [I was there] when they were torn down to build new classrooms. I remember all of that. The town started growing, evolving [fast]."



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De La Rosa takes pride in his work for the district, describing his job as a 'little bit of everything.' His responsibilities range from groundskeeping and maintenance to overseeing deliveries, managing supplies, and even interacting with students.

“I enjoy the physical aspect of my job. I like working, but of course [my favorite thing] is interacting with the students and staff.”

Over the years, Augie has witnessed elementary school students grow into teachers throughout the district. Many of these former students have returned to share how impactful he has been in their lives. Augie has also had the privilege of becoming a Godparent to five former students, a testament to the strong relationships he has built both on and off campus with their families.

“I’m lucky enough to be a Godparent to 7 individuals, 5 of them were students. When [I first got married] my Wife Debbie and I lived on the South Side of town we would interact with a lot of students off campus because we knew their parents and they would ask us to be Godparents. I’ve had students who are now parents and they’ve asked us to be Padrinos for their kids’ Quinceaneras...I’ve had kids come back and tell me the impact I’ve made in their lives, and that’s my favorite part. The impact, and friendships that I’ve made here.”

Augie says that when it comes to work, he’s always ready to take on a project and believes he is here to provide a safe and clean environment for the students to learn.