

## **February 2025 Spotlight**

### **Griselda Diaz**

#### **CTE Teacher at Grandview High School**

Meet Griselda Diaz, CTE teacher at the Grandview High School. When you meet Ms. Diaz, you instantly feel her kindness and passion for student support. An employee with the Grandview School District since 2016, she started at the district office, where she discovered her true calling-teaching.

A proud graduate of Grandview High School, she continued her education at Yakima Valley Community College before advancing to Central Washington University, where she is completing her CTE certification. With many years of experience in the Business and Banking industry, Griselda brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to her current role.

Griselda and her husband enjoy quality time with their two daughters and their multiple activities, while enjoying hiking, sports, and traveling. As the oldest of six siblings, Griselda says that “family has always been incredibly important to me. I value the time we spend together, especially when we can all travel as an extended family.”

We asked Ms. Dias what her favorite part of teaching was, and she says, “As a Business & Marketing teacher, I am blessed with the opportunity to not only help students excel as high school students but also in their post-graduation plans. One of my favorite aspects of teaching is building student relationships, creating a network with a positive support system, and best of all being able to support them in achieving those career goals.” She continues, “It’s incredibly rewarding to watch their eyes light up when they talk about their future plans, and I feel honored to play a part in their journey.”

Ms. Diaz says she would tell her ‘first-year’ teacher self to “Give yourself a little grace and allow yourself to trust the process. Teaching deserves celebrating all victories no matter how big or small. Celebrations will make you feel fulfilled and reenergized. She continues with the advice she would share with our new teachers and Griselda says, “Ask for help. It’s important to remember that it’s perfectly fine not having all the answers. Teaching is a craft you need to continue to develop. Don’t get discouraged, soon enough you will witness your students discover something significant in your classroom and it will all be worth it.”

Thank you Ms. Griselda Diaz for your unwavering support for our GHS students, and for your love of teaching. Many have mentioned that you are always at afterschool events, always putting in the extra time, and going that extra mile. We thank you.

