



PJUSD Alumni Highlight

MICHELE BAYS



Michele Bays is a proud product of the Patterson Joint Unified School District, attending kindergarten at Northmead, all the way through graduating from PHS with the class of 1980. While at Patterson High School, Michele participated in Volleyball, Basketball and Track, Girl's Leadership, CSF, AFS, Senior play, choir, Yearbook and Student Body Leadership. When asked about a special teacher, there were many who made a lasting impact. Top on that list would have to be Gene Field (biology) Dave Heffner (science), Cheryl Heffner (PE) and Geri Azevedo (chemistry and counseling).

After graduation, Michele spent a year abroad as an AFS exchange student before attending UC San Diego for two years and then transferring to UCLA and graduating cum laude, with a BS in Nursing.



She married Ken Bays after college and returned to Patterson and her Central Valley roots. She and Ken have 4 children who all went through the PJUSD system and are married, with families of their own (which include 12 grandchildren)! Michele worked at various hospitals before pausing to raise her family, then worked in Dr Lanfranki's office here in Patterson, before going on to teach vocational nursing students at Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts in Modesto. Over the years, Michele devoted time to the children of our community as a Girl Scout leader, 4-H leader, Sunday School teacher and for the past 29 years as a member of the PJUSD Board of Trustees. "There is no better investment in the future, than our children!"

Do you know a PJUSD alum who is doing great things? We'd love to hear their story! Contact

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