

College of San Mateo Academic Senate

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Acknowledgement of Impacting the Lives of Children, their Families, and the larger SMCCD
Community

In Honor of Louise Piper

The College of San Mateo Academic Senate formally acknowledges Louise Piper's 32 years of service to the campus community and her leadership in implementing an outstanding Child Development Program for the benefit of student-parents, faculty and staff, and most importantly, the children of the Mary Meta Lazarus Child Development Center.

Whereas, Louise Piper has served over 1800 children and benefitted thousands of families and students with her guidance, expertise, and exemplary leadership;

Whereas, Louise Piper is recognized in the community and statewide for her expertise in child development and implementing standards of excellence in and out of the classroom;

Whereas, Louise Piper has established a program based on true family engagement and an integration and celebration of the diverse families, cultures, and values that make up the Child Development Center community;

Whereas, Louise Piper is an unwavering pillar of parental support, offering parents advice, supportive telephone calls and emails, patient ears, well timed hugs, and that invaluable "I am not alone" feeling on the journey of being a parent;

Whereas, Louise Piper always provides honest, thoughtful and constructive feedback in support of personal and professional development to colleagues, students, parents, and staff;

Whereas, Louise Piper exhibits amazing kindness, incredible patience, and true understanding and knowledge about children;

Whereas, Louise Piper has created and established important partnerships with instructional and student services programs—including collaborating with Extended Opportunity Program and Services and Multicultural Center/Dream Center staff to further the mission of student success—to ensure that the Child Development Program is fully integrated into the fabric of the college;

Whereas, Louise Piper has contributed to workforce training by providing practicum placements and lab experience for College of San Mateo, Cañada, and Skyline students pursuing Early Childhood Education, Nursing, Health Science, Ethnic Studies and related majors;

Whereas, under Louise Piper's direction and leadership, the Child Development Center has maintained a 100% compliance rating with the California Department of Education; been

featured in the California Department of Education's Preschool Learning Foundations video series, which is used state-wide for trainings and in workshops; and has received a San Mateo County Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) Tier 5 rating, the highest possible score, which was achieved by only two programs in the county;

Whereas, Louise Piper has helped hire, train, and develop a team of talented educators and professionals to continue the proud legacy and continued growth of the Child Development Center;

Whereas, Louise Piper—through thoughtful pedagogy and leadership, intuitive connection with children and parents, and undeniable love—has helped build and grow a community of learning that is, according to more than one happy parent, “the best school your child will ever go to”;

Resolved, The College of San Mateo Academic Senate, Classified Senate, and Associated Students recognize Louise Piper’s contributions as an outstanding educator in her field, and for the exceptional quality of the Child Development Program.

Resolved, The College of San Mateo Academic Senate, Classified Senate, and Associated Students thank Louise profusely for her work, expertise, and love in transforming the lives of countless children and their families.

Passed unanimously by the CSM Academic Senate on September 12, 2017