



GYO Clinical Intern Teacher Celebration – September 2024 Board Meeting

The Human Resources Department would like to recognize the following Clinical Student Teachers for successful completion of their internship and employment as full-time teachers in GCCISD. We are proud of their success that the fact that we are able to “Grow Our Own” clinical teacher Giants. We would like to thank our Board of Trustees, our Superintendent, university partners, campus principals, and administrators throughout the district for supporting this initiative.

We also have two long-term employees who were awarded TEA’s “Grow Your Own” grant to assist them in completing their bachelor’s degree and teacher certification. We are proud to report that 100% of our first GYO Cohort have graduated and will continue to serve the students of GCCISD as teachers.

1. Clarissa Gonzalez began her career in GCCISD in 2021 as a daily substitute at Alamo Elementary. She then worked as a paraprofessional in the Newcomer Academy at Alamo Elementary from 2021-2024. This year, she is teaching 4th grade ELA and Social Studies at Alamo Elementary. Clarissa received \$18,000 to complete her Bachelor’s degree at the University of Houston-Clear Lake. Congratulations, Clarissa!
2. Madison Rivardo has worked in GCCISD since 2016. She began as a Pre-K paraprofessional at DeZavala Elementary from 2016-2022 and then at Liles Early Learning Academy from 2022-2024. She has now returned to DeZavala Elementary as a kindergarten teacher. Madison received \$18,000 to complete her Bachelor’s degree at the University of Houston-Clear Lake. Congratulation, Madison!

The following participated in our “Grow Our Own” Clinical Teachers program last school year and are now in full-time teaching positions throughout our district for the 2024-2025 academic year:

- Margaretta Beroo – 2nd Grade, Alamo Elementary
- Khiabet Cuadra – 2nd Grade Dual Language, Ashbel Smith Elementary
- Hymish Cyril – FOCUS, Ashbel Smith Elementary
- Jessica Gonzalez – 2nd Grade, Ashbel Smith Elementary
- Jennifer Valadez – Kindergarten, Ashbel Smith Elementary
- Brienne Schrull – 1st Grade, Austin Elementary
- Baylea Goard – Kindergarten, Clark Elementary
- Katelyn Jenkins – 5th Grade Science and Social Studies, Clark Elementary
- Sabrina Baca – 1st Grade, Crockett Elementary
- Jaqueline Navarro – 4th Grade Dual Language, Crockett Elementary
- Carmen Orozco – 1st Grade Dual Language, Crockett Elementary
- Victoria Cleavinger – 1st Grade, De Zavala Elementary



- Vanessa Cantu – 1st Grade, De Zavala Elementary
- Jaidyn Coffman – 7th Grade ELA, Gentry Junior
- Madelyn Billetter – Geometry, Goose Creek Memorial High School
- Alli Green – College Prep Math, Goose Creek Memorial High School
- Ingrid Cortez – 1st Grade Dual Language, Lamar Elementary
- Ashley McInerney – 3rd Grade ELA and Social Studies, Pumphrey Elementary
- Sandy Alvarenga – Life Skills, Travis Elementary
- Emma Davis – 5th Grade Math, Victoria Walker Elementary