



SPOTLIGHT

Eating Healthy Every Day!



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We are proud to shine the spotlight on Food Service Manager, Mariamanda Medina from Kendall Square K-8. Ms. Medina started her career with the food service department in 2017 as a general worker at John F. Ferguson Senior High. One year later, she transferred to Manuel Barreiro Elementary in the same capacity. Her passion for student meal services and the pace at which she was learning about our program was very impressive and noticed by her supervisors. In 2019, Ms. Medina was entrusted to lead Kendall Square K-8 as the Satellite Assistant. Due to an increase in enrollment in 2022, the site became eligible for a Food Service Manager and quite naturally Ms. Medina was selected for the role.



Ms. Medina's quick advancement within our department speaks volumes to her perseverance and commitment to her job. She has proven to be reliable, a team player and demonstrates a willingness to take on any task needed to support students and staff. Through her dedication, attention to detail, and positive attitude, she earned the respect of her colleagues and supervisors.





She leads by example—ensuring meals are prepared safely and efficiently, maintaining high standards for cleanliness and organization, and supporting her team every step of the way. She takes great pride in creating a welcoming cafeteria environment and is always ready to lend a helping hand, solve problems, and go the extra mile.

What truly sets her apart is her genuine care for students. Whether it's offering a kind word, a warm smile, or a consistent presence students can count on, she helps make the cafeteria a positive part of the school day. Her leadership shines through her employees and they exemplify the true meaning of a great team.

“I am always impressed with how the staff maintains the cleanliness of the kitchen,” said Food Service Supervisor Naja-Kay Montgomery. “It does not matter what time I visit the site, it is always spotless, leaving me to wonder if anyone even works there,” continued Ms. Montgomery.

We are grateful for her years of service, professionalism, and dedication. Her strong work ethic and leadership continue to make a meaningful impact, and her school community is better because of her.

