NORAIMA ANDRADE

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Noraima Andrade began her career with the Department of Food & Nutrition in September 2006 at Miami Heights Elementary as a cashier. Throughout the years, she cross trained in all positions, excelling in all areas. In 2015, her Coordinator at the time, Louann Glidden, recognized her true potential and recommended her for Manager Training.

After covering schools for 5 months, fate would have it that the current manager at Miami Heights was retiring, and the position was open for interviews. Noraima carefully considered other schools that offered her management positions, but her heart was with Miami Heights Elementary. She accepted the position at Miami Heights in October 2016 where she has displayed the qualities of an accomplished Manager. Her ambition and true desire to be the best she can is why she is being recognized by the district.



Manny Pasarin, her Food Service Supervisor, states "I have been impressed with her character and her demeanor with her staff. It is because of her firm yet kind treatment of her staff, that the kitchen runs efficiently and effectively. Her staff in turn treat all the students and school personnel lovingly and as if they were their own children. The staff take great pride in the food they serve and would not serve any item they would not eat themselves. Their sense of ownership is why they insist on nothing but the best for the students. They understand that the students come first and that we are here to serve them."



Most recently, Noraima's cafeteria was recommended to host a USDA visit to show best practices and innovate ideas for USDA representatives to share with other districts. It is evident that something very special and magical occurs every day in this school cafeteria.

Noraima's dedication to M-DCPS deserves recognition. Mr. Pasarin states, "I am very proud to have her as one of my school sites and have always told her that there is so much to learn from how she runs her kitchen."



THANK YOU!



The Department of Food & Nutrition congratulates Noraima Andrade and her staff for their hard work and dedication to serving healthy and nutritious meals to M-DCPS students every day!

