

City of Laredo



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

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VERONICA A. ACOSTA LAREDO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Tell us about your career journey and what lead you to work for the City of Laredo?

When I began my journey with the City of Laredo, I was honestly just looking for a job and was unaware of the impact that working at the Laredo Public Library would bring. I've met and made great friends while working here, whether it be with my coworkers, library patrons, or other city employees. This job has changed my life in all of the best ways possible.

Who is your "role model" and what have you learned from them?

My parents are my models. Though I didn't realize it and often put up a fight while growing up, they were doing their best to steer me in the right direction while encouraging me to work hard and to always put my best foot forward. My parents are my best friends.

What advise would you give to a new City of Laredo employee?

Working for the City offers a lot of opportunity, now. more than ever. If you ever find yourself in a situation of negativity or toxicity, don't fall into that. Rise above it. Focus on doing your best. A lot of times we focus on the "bad" but if that's all you're focused on, that's all you'll ever see. Find the good in everything, and you'll find yourself surrounded by that instead.

What is a quote that you find yourself using or referring to often?

I haven't failed, I just found 10,000 ways that won't work.

What are three things still on your bucket list?

1. Make a bucket list
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JENNY L. HERNANDEZ BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

Tell us about your family

Blessed to be married for 23 years with two sons Jacob 19 and Joseph 17.

Tell us about your career journey and what lead you to work for the City of Laredo?

November 2000, I started my journey with Bridge Dept as an office collector. I performed the duties of daily center operations, tolls, and provided customer service to drivers going into Mexico. On May 2005, I was promoted to Cashier / Teller Customer Service. I performed daily service center operations including customer service, taking payments for AVI accounts, and tag distributions. On January 2020, I started in the position I am currently in, as a Senior Office Assistant, doing Revenues.

What do you love most about your job?

The experience and knowledge of working with all four bridges and their distinctive operating system.

Who is your role model and what have you learned from them?

My mom is my role model. She taught me that anything is possible with dedication and hard work. She was hairstylist. She worked hard and made sacrifices to send her four children to college.

What is something surprising that not many people know about you?

I don't think that my coworkers know that I am actually from Honduras Central America. Also, I volunteer at my church. I am a confirmation teacher and assist with the youth group.



JENNY L. HERNANDEZ

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FELIPE DE JESUS MEJIA HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Tell us about your family

I am married, my wife Patricia and I have two wonderful and energetic boys, my oldest son Felipe who is 7 and my youngest Mateo is 2 years old. We love anything with car action, Super Mario, and Bluey.

What do you love most about your job?

When patients complete their TB treatment, knowing that I was able to help them while going through their illness.

Who is your "role model" and what have you learned from them?

My Dad always worked to provide the best for me and my family, he showed me that hard work and consistency generates results, and leads to success.

What is your favorite sports team to root for?

Soccer Club America from Mexico - The greatest team of all time all the time.

What are three things on your bucket list?

Complete my nursing equivalency process to continue to pursue my nursing degree in the US. Travel to Europe with my Wife. Take my kids to Disneyland!

What is something surprising that not many people know about you?

That I am a Metalhead and I like anime.

What is a guilty pleasure that you enjoy when you have time for yourself?

Watch horror movies at night to get the full experience

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SAN JUANITA GUERRERO FLEET MANAGEMENT

Tell us about your family

I am a proud mother of three. Orland, Janie, and Victor.

Who is your role model?

My mother. She showed me how to be strong.

If you had a “magic wand”, unlimited time and endless money, what is the vacation of your dreams?

Travel the world with no worries.

What was your favorite thing to do as a child that you wish you could still do?

Play kickball in the middle of the street with the neighborhood kids.

What is a quote that you find yourself using or referring to often?

“Never judge someone's character based on the words of others.”

What three words would your friends use to describe you?

Kind
Chatty
Hardworker

What is something surprising that not many people know about you?

I love cats!

What is a guilty pleasure that you enjoy whenever you have time for yourself?

I enjoy watching Harry Potter Movies

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