# Tara L. Vargas

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To whom it may concern:

I am seeking a School Counselor position for your district. As a CSU Stanislaus Alumni this position will allow me to use my diverse interpersonal skills and provide me with the opportunity to cater to student academic support, and further consultation opportunities. As a current School Counselor at Madison Elementary for Stockton Unified School District I am provided an opportunity to facilitate academic, career & personal growth in a diverse At Risk-youth population. Building relationships, relevance and resiliency in my students as their counselor continues to reward and inspire my Comprehensive School Counselor Program.

The three multidisciplinary degrees that I earned while attending San Joaquin Delta College are significant in contributing to my skills in working with multicultural students and providing a holistic course.. While attending CSU Stanislaus I earned a Ba in Anthropology with a concentration in Ethnology, that have contributed immensely towards my skills in collaborating with culturally diverse populations. As a Graduate student at CSU Stanislaus I have strengthened and developed strong oral and writing skills. Building rapport and advocating for my students is a strength that I have. I have long been passionate about social issues, and my background involves working in areas related to childcare and analytical analysis surrounding diverse environments. I have a range of experiences and skills that would help me make a difference for your team:

- **Communication Skills:** I have a positive, patient demeanor that allows me to communicate calmly and effectively with people from all walks of life.
- **Passion For Helping Others:** I am driven to care about the well being of those I work with, and make the community a better place.

• **Organizational Skills:** I am responsible and organized, and have extensive experience managing files and paperwork. These skill sets have been key in the success of the various programs I have worked with. I would welcome the opportunity to speak with you further about this opportunity. Thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely, Tara L. Vargas



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# **EDUCATION**

## California State University, Stanislaus; Turlock, CA, 4.0

Master of Arts in Education Counseling; and Professional Clinical Counselor Candidate with Pupil Personnel Services Credential; will complete May 2019 (Currently working with an emergency PPS credential for SUSD)

Fieldwork experience: Stockton Unified School District, Stagg High School Healthy Start Center, Patterson Unified School District, Creekside Middle School, Ripon Unified School District, Ripon High School and Ceres Unified School District Mae Hensley Jr. High School.

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**California State University Stanislaus,** Turlock, CA Bachelor of Arts Anthropology, Concentration in Ethnology. GPA 3.7 August 2013 to May 2015 Current GPA 4.0, 70 Graduate level Credits.

**San Joaquin Delta College**, Stockton, CA, August 2009 to August 2013 , *Associate in Arts Humanities*, Associate in Arts Interdisciplinary Studies: Elementary Education Teacher Preparation Associate in Arts Interdisciplinary Studies: Arts & Humanities

### WORK EXPERIENCE

**Certified Substitute Teacher**, *RUSD*, *Ripon CA*, *Oakdale Unified School district*, *Oakdale CA*, February 2017 to July 2019

- Understand and implement the assigned curriculum while demonstrating skills that help the students understand the lessons
- Ensure the safety of the students and maintain a well organized classroom environment.

### Madison Elementary School Counselor Intern, SUSD, Stockton CA, July 2018, to Present

- SAP coordinator (active participant during; CARE team, SST, BIP, 504 & IEP)
- Implement ASCA Aligned Comprehensive School Counselor Program
- Tier 2 Services Social Emotional Learning Small Groups k-5

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & SKILLS**

- MA in Education with a PPS & LPCC at CSU Stanislaus. Distinction candidate 4.0 GPA
- Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association Scholarship 2018/2019 academic year
- "Cognitive Behavior Intervention Training, 2016."
- QPR Certified (Question, Persuade, Respond) 2018
- "ASSIST" Training Fall 2018 for suicide prevention, "Hatchings & ASCA Training" through SUSD
- CASC 2019 conference
- ASCA Conference 2019 June 28-July 3rd in Boston

