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## TJCSGA Region II Advisor of the Year Award

The award, Advisor of the Year, recognizes advisors for their dedication and outstanding services to the students of their college. Miyoshi Holmes is an extraordinary leader and advisor, which is why we are nominating her for this year's award. She is an important asset, not only to Student Government Association (SGA) but also to the campus of Cedar Valley College (CVC). Ms. Holmes is selfless, caring, and compassionate. If a student needs something as small as a pen, Ms. Miyoshi will give them 10. Through the years, Ms. Holmes has given her time and energy to Cedar Valley. She has been in the Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD) for 20 years, CVC for 17 years, and has been the head the advisor for Cedar Valley's SGA for 16 years, as well as other leadership roles on campus. Being at CVC for so long, Ms. Holmes has had the opportunity to teach multiple students and mentor them during their education at CVC, their adulthood and their professions. She serves as the student connection with upper administration, faculty, and outside communities. She is always willing to help and serve others in any situation.

As a CVC SGA Advisor, Ms. Miyoshi understands the universal intention of the organization and is knowledgeable of all the policies and procedures outlined in the organization's constitution and bylaws. She pays close attention to the functions of all activities as they relate to Student Government. She attends all events, manages protocol, and still finds time to enjoy the occasion. She keeps the student organization members informed of their responsibility to adhere to policies and procedure, as they are representing the student body. She

offers guidance to the organization on goal setting, organization management, program planning, problem solving and group evaluations. Most of all, she really cares about her students. Previous SGA member, Bernadette Washington, expressed her deepest respect for Ms. Holmes. The skills Bernadette learned accompanied her in her current goal of working on her Master's Degree. Ms. Washington, articulated that her experience as a SGA delegate allowed her to cultivate networking skills, respect, empathy, time-management, and the responsibility of completion. She went on to state, "Because I was in SGA with Ms. Miyoshi, I felt important, understood, and made to comprehend, that no matter what title you have, you are worth more. Your title does not define you. I didn't have a title, but I felt just as important. She also made me laugh..... a lot."

During her time in The Office of Student Life, she planned events that were open to all students, making each student feel included and special. She never let a student sit alone, even when they wanted to, and got them involved in the program. Even though she was the Director, and no matter how busy she was, she found time for a vast amount of organizations, and advised several. She was an advisor for SGA, Student Leadership Institute (14 years), and Phi Theta Kappa (5 Years). Ms. Holmes always requested that the bar be high for students, because she believed that there was no ceiling for dreams and passions. Ms. Holmes not only served Cedar Valley's SGA, she has also held a place in the TJCSGA world. She was the Chair for two years on the State Awards Committee, 2016 and 2017. During 2007-2008 & 2016-2017 years, she served as the advisor for Region II Host School. Not to forget, she served as the Region II Advisor Rep for the Awards Committee, 2018.

Outside of the CVC SGA, Ms. Holmes has also served in community affairs. In the years of 2001 and 2003, The Girl Scouts of Tejas Council recognized Ms. Holmes for her leadership in Public Relations, teaching girls to use their own personal brands and speak publicly. She is a

member of the Pastor's and Educators Chamber. This association creates activities for students, giving them tools to improve their education with workshops and informative sessions. She also is a member of the American College Counseling Association, which assists students on learning to manage environmental and emotional stressors. Ms. Holmes supports local events in the community including: The Martin Luther King Parade held in Lancaster every year and the Annual State Fair Opening Day Parade for the last three years as the advertisement van driver.

In the course of her work at CVC, Ms. Holmes has been awarded a plethora of awards through the Dallas County Community College District, recognizing her infinite devotion to Cedar Valley and SGA. In 2003 and 2007 she received the Distinguished Service to Students Award for creating an atmosphere of leadership and joy. In the years of 2005-2006, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, and 2014-2015, Ms. Miyoshi was given the Jean Sharon Griffith Student Development Leadership Award for Cedar Valley College and the District Award of the same name in 2005-2006. This award acknowledges "a person which exemplifies the personal characteristics, exhibits the leadership qualities, and makes the kind of significant contributions to the development of student success." In 2016-2017 Ms. Holmes was presented the award of TJCSGA Region II Advisor of the Year. To be noted as well, the CVC Advisor of the Year Award for Student Government in 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. She also won third place as Advisor of the Year at TJCSGA State Convention, 2017. Deservingly, Ms. Holmes, also received the award for Administrator of the Year in 2011-2012, "showing exceptional dedication to students, faculty and the communities of DCCCD."

During the Summer of 2018, Ms. Holmes' position changed at the CVC campus. She now resides in the newly created Student Rights and Responsibilities Office. Even though her location has been altered, her affection for the students of CVC has not. In this job, her

responsibility is to be a negotiator for students who need assistance in the classroom and on campus. She serves as a mediator between the students and staff/faculty/administration. This is the only office of its kind in the DCCCD.

In supposition, Miyoshi Holmes is a remarkable individual. She always brings a smile to students and staff alike. She is willing to help at any time, even on Saturdays, when the rest of the staff is home sleeping or relaxing. Ms. Holmes deserves to be recognized as the Advisor of The Year for TJCSGA 2019. She is hard working, dedicated, compassionate, and caring. She influences everyone she meets with joy, and is genuinely a kind and unique person. She encourages students to fly and follow their aspirations. She would climb a mountain to help anyone in need. Her positivity empowers people daily. Miyoshi Holmes, is a rare gem that was gifted to CVC. We believe in her, because she believes in us. Thank you.







# Miyoshi U. Holmes

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

*M.A. Counseling*, Amber University/Garland TX.

*B.A. Psychology*, Westminster College/ Salt Lake City, UT.

*Counseling Practicum/Internship*, Brookhaven College/ Farmers Branch, TX.

## HIGHLIGHTS AND QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience working with a diverse population of college students
- Twenty+ Years exposure to a college campus and its activities
- Three year's experience in Resident Management
- Trained in personal counseling and academic advising
- Fourteen years as Student Government Association Advisor & Eleven years as Student Leadership Institute Advisor

## RELATED EXPERIENCE

### Teaching

- ◆ *Human Development Credit Courses*
  - Learning Frameworks, HDEV 0092 and EDUC 1300
  - Psychology and Social Adjustment
  - Career Planning and Exploration

### Student Services

- ◆ *Director of Student Life (Office of Student Life)* 2002-Current
  - Plans, develops, directs, and projects long range co-curricular and extra-curricular programs and services for college-based student programs
  - Interprets policies and procedures and issues appropriate directions for their implementation
  - Prepares and monitors budget, expenditures, and prepares statistical reports
  - Maintains liaison contact with faculty, college and district administrators regarding student and community needs
  - Reviews and approves publicity and promotional materials such as brochures, flyers, posters, etc.
  - Serve on a variety of campus, district and community committees, including College Management Team
  - Supervision of full-time staff and Interns, including Career Center
  - Hire, train, and evaluate staff
- ◆ *Student Program Development Specialist (Student Programs and Resources)* 1998-2002
  - Planned and implemented student, staff, and community programs
  - Advertised and promoted campus activities
  - Arranged campus activities through National Conferences and Professional Agents
  - Liaison to a variety of on-student campus clubs and advisors
  - Served on several campus and district committees
  - Worked in conjunction with Enrollment Management
- ◆ *Campus Life Assistant* 1992-1993
  - Served as a central unit for the campus and its activities
  - Processed applications for incoming students, traditional and non-traditional
  - Created and Supervised intramural sports
  - Organized and edited the school newsletter
- ◆ *Resident Advisor and Hall Manager* 1989-1993
  - Managed residence hall of 100 students and supervised and scheduled work study employees
  - Responsible for policies, procedures and discipline including working with campus police
  - Developed and presented extra-curricular programs
  - Advised and referred residence hall students
  - Acted as a bridge between students and administration

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2018-Current	<u>Student Rights and Responsibilities Office</u>	Cedar Valley College
2002-2018	<u>Director of Student Life</u>	Cedar Valley College
1998-2002	<u>Student Program Development Specialist</u>	Eastfield College
1997-1998	<u>Instructional Associate</u>	Dallas School of Accelerated Learning
1993-1997	<u>Associate Services</u>	Macy's Department Store
1992-1993	<u>Campus Life Assistant</u>	Westminster College
1989-1993	<u>Residence Advisor and Hall Manager</u>	Westminster College