

Mountain View Advisor of the Year

Deanna Guess from Mountain View College in Region II should win TJCSGA The Joel Franke Memorial Advisor of the Year Award for the 2019-2020 school year. Like most Student Government Associate advisors, she is dedicated to her job and her students. Deanna devotes countless hours to her organization. As you continue reading, you will see why she is the best TJCSGA advisor.

From the years of 2005 through 2010, Deanna was the Student Government Association advisor for Paris Junior College, in Region III, and was awarded TJCSGA Advisor of the Year in 2010, under the name Deanna Young. Since 2017, she has served as Student Government Association advisor for Mountain View College, in Region II.

She truly emphasizes on the student part of Student Government Association. Allowing the students to learn and fully be able to learn and be impacted by the joyous experience of being part of this organization. When the delegates have discussions and make decisions; Deanna allows the students to take charge. While she does give her expertise advise, she still allows the students to use their skills to come with resolutions and decision making. For example, Mountain View's SGA typically uses raffles for their fundraisers and have been successful in years past. This year's delegates wanted to expand and do other things as well. Instead of stating "In years past we typically..." she gave the task to the delegates to research, compare prices, and present their ideas to the club. This may seem like a simple gesture, but by allowing the delegates to use their skills and voices; and by not turning down their idea due to the "That's not how it is typically done" attitude, she was able to keep the morale of the delegates positive and allow the delegates to use their voice. Which brings the next point of

why Deanna Guess should win the Advisor of the Year Award, she keeps the morale of the club positive.

Deanna truly cares about her delegates. Most of the delegates are at pivotal moments in their lives, some have never received the affirmations that they care, matter, and/or make a difference. Deanna ensures her delegates receives those affirmations. From listening to each delegate about their day, a test, worries, the list goes on, and not only does she make the time to listen, but she goes out of her way to follow up on the subject that was brought to her. She even went as far as adding delegate announcements to the meetings. This gave the delegates opportunities to celebrate victories with each other. It has been such a delight hearing the delegates excited about wanting to share something during the meeting. This act of kindness has caused the delegates to go out of their way every week in order to ensure that they have something positive to share during the meeting. This is a clear personification of throwing a stone in a lake and watching the ripple effect occur. The delegates are sharing their victories outside of the meetings as well. This is evident when a delegate brings their friend to the meetings so they can share a weekly victory. This morale that Deanna has created has caused Mountain View's SGA delegate count to grow to numbers it has not seen in years.

The delegates always feel like Deanna is available, she replies to GroupMe chats, speaks in the hallway, and her office doors are always open. Deanna is there for her delegates. She is genuinely there for her delegates when they need her and in ways that they may not even know that she is needed. The delegates are never made to feel like they are inconveniencing her. She has been late to meetings, late leaving the office to go home, and for lack of better words, trapped in the hallway by a delegate due to conversations made by delegates. They feel

comfortable enough to talk to her and she created that atmosphere. Many delegates have never been involved in organizations, but by seeing an advisor talking to delegations peeked their interest enough to join the organization and began a social involvement life that they have never experienced before. Deanna has the delegates backs and fully supports the delegates in all endeavors.

She works hard to ensure the success of the organization and the delegates. She does not mind sacrificing her time, energy, and even money to ensure that Mountain View's SGA is successful. She works the tables in the hallways right along with the delegates. She hears the delegates conversations about improvements for the clubs and you can see the sparkle in her eyes as the delegates are working towards progression.

Deanna Guess should win TJCSGA The Joel Franke Memorial Advisor of the Year Award for the 2019-2020 school year, because she cares about the delegates and the success of the organization. She goes out the way to keep the moral of the delegates and the organization as positive as possible. Deanna is dedicated to her role as advisor and she is appreciated beyond what words can express.