

Coast Federation of Classified Employees, AFT Local 4794

You Make a Difference



Ana Tovar

**Orange Coast College
Transfer Department
Staff Assistant**

Doing work that matters

Ana Tovar currently works at Orange Coast College (OCC) as a Staff Assistant in the Transfer Center. She has been working in this position since the summer of 2001 and enjoys helping students reach their educational goals. Ana's role in the OCC Transfer Center involves several responsibilities, including coordinating tours and other activities with the regional four-year colleges and universities. This gives OCC students an opportunity to take a closer look at the colleges they are considering for completing their Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree. The campus tours help the OCC transfer students make more informed decisions. Ana also meets with students regularly to advise them on their transfer goals.

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Given the current budget situation throughout the state of California, Ana believes that providing accurate and up-to-date information in regards to transfer requirements and criteria is absolutely critical. She organizes in-classroom visits to reach a wider audience and inform students of any changes or requirements for transfer. Ana explained that, "My interaction with transfer students is a vital component of the efforts at OCC to assist students in the achievement of their academic goals." Student Success often depends on face-to-face interaction and information exchange between college staff and students.

Ana is proud to work in an environment that promotes education as well as personal and professional growth. Ana earned her AA degree from OCC and subsequently earned a Bachelor's degree from UCLA and a Master's degree from CSULB. She believes that educa-

tion can substantially change lives. She knows this from personal experience. As a student at OCC, the education that she received changed the direction of her life, both in terms of academic achievement and career goals. Because of her personal experience, Ana brings a high level of commitment and compassion to the work that she does because she knows that a quality education can make a big difference in someone's life.

Outside of work, Ana enjoys a variety of hobbies and activities. She is currently pursuing photography as a personal interest. She just completed a photography class this past spring at OCC, which has given her new knowledge and skills that can be directly applied to her new hobby. Ana

is also a big fan of the arts and enjoys traveling with her nephews to museums in Los Angeles and Orange Counties in order to encourage an appreciation of art in her nephews. Ana also incorporates moderate physical exercise into her daily routine because she believes that regular physical activity keeps her both physically and mentally fit.

The CFCE is proud to recognize Ana Tovar as a dedicated employee who makes a difference in the lives of OCC students and in her interactions with other District employees.



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