

Krystal Baggett

Sodexo Experience Nominee

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*Passionate about Child Nutrition*

The most important part of school food service is the students we serve, making sure they are provided with healthy, nutritious meals every day. Krystal has demonstrated time and time again that this is what she is truly passionate about.

Recently, our district was looking for a few schools to pilot a new smoothie program. Krystal was one of the first to respond. She enthusiastically implemented the program at her school with the intent to try something new. Her efforts resulted in an increase in breakfast meal participation by over 300 meals! The district requirement was to only have the smoothies one day a week on a low participation day. However, Krystal was so excited about the response she received from her students that she took it upon herself to add the smoothies to additional days throughout the week. In fact, during National School Breakfast Week in the month of March, Krystal is planning a Smoothie Demonstration Day. She will select students to participate in making the smoothies, similar to an action station.

Though, she doesn't stop there. Our district received an advertisement recently about a 5k Fun Run in our community to benefit the Weekend Backpack program for over 470 of our students. Before most of us could even finish reading the advertisement, Krystal had already begun reaching out to all the "lunch ladies" in the district to put together a team.

Krystal is heavily involved in community events as well. For example, she plays baseball at the Navarre Ball Field and is a member of the women's fitness center in Navarre. She also participates in her school's "Biggest Loser" competition every year. She enjoys sharing her athletic experiences with her students and encouraging them to be active and participate in their own Physical Education activities.

With the challenges of today's labor market, Krystal understands the importance of finding value in every employee. Krystal is a strong communicator with her team and finds various ways to recognize them, so they feel valuable and appreciated. She is constantly looking for ways to enhance the personal growth of her team. During the holiday break, she took her team out to lunch to build harmony among the team and to bond with them.

Krystal is definitely a team player. Being one of our newer cafeteria managers, she never hesitates to ask clarifying questions in order to better understand the expectations. She is very receptive to feedback and can often be seen interacting with her elementary students in order to ensure that we are meeting their needs. Her passion for the well-being of her students can clearly be seen by her actions.

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