

Mission Moment



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The path I took to CCSJ is somewhat circular because I never intended for my career to bring me back to Whiting. I grew up just a few blocks away from the campus, yet my closest connection to the campus at that time was learning to drive in the parking lot. Akin to the story of Jonah and the whale, I found my personal mission taking me where I was needed. It just happened that I was going very close to where I started. It certainly is not what I would have expected.

In 2019, I was hired at Calumet College of St. Joseph after 20 years of working in the public schools in various roles. Initially my role was titled Director of Academic Disability Services but has expanded to encompass other roles as Director of Academic Accommodations. Much of my time is spent working with the portion of the student population who have special needs, academically or medically. I also work with students for whom English is a new or second language. For our international students, I act as a liaison in adjusting to their new environment. The primary goal is that all students are able to maximize the benefits of their education.

I have also established relationships with CCSJ students at the Food Pantry. Many of our students experience food insecurity. It is challenging for a student to study if they are uncertain about their next meal. Food brings people together. It nourishes minds and souls. I am grateful that faculty and members of the community have been generous in their support of the Food Pantry.

Whenever I meet a student, I want them to feel welcome. All are welcome. Whenever I have down time, I enjoy walking around campus and meeting students. A spark of the divine dwells in all people. If I can help a person in their realization of the value of themselves, I have succeeded in my mission.