



REBECCA PIANTA, Ed.D.

Lead Professional Learning Specialist



BIOGRAPHY

"My noble purpose in life is to create safe, equitable, and supportive learning environments that enhance student learning and promote life success."

Dr. Rebecca Pianta is a champion for equity and a passionate advocate for the school counseling profession. With 17 years of experience in education, she has been a school counselor at all levels, district lead counselor, administrator, and adjunct professor. As Coordinator of Counseling and Student Support in her former District, Dr. Pianta oversaw the District-wide comprehensive school counseling program and led in the development of the District Cultural Proficiency Strategic Plan. Due to her diligent leadership, twelve schools earned the Recognized American School Counselors Association (ASCA) Model Program (RAMP) designation.

In 2019, she was recognized as California and Orange County Counselor Advocate of the Year. Currently, Dr. Pianta is the Coordinator of College and Career Readiness at Santa Ana Unified School District, where she supports 200 school counselors in implementing culturally sustaining comprehensive school counseling programs, and she is an adjunct professor at Concordia University. She is also an ASCA Lead RAMP Reviewer and serves as the Director of Equity and Diversity for the California Association of School Administrators Region 17.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Earned Orange County K-12 School Counselor Advocate of the Year from the Orange County Department of Education and California School Counselor Advocate of the Year from CASC.
- Transformed the School Counseling Program to align with the American School Counselor Association (ASCA National Model, qualifying six schools to be recognized by ASCA for having model School Counseling Programs and resulting in one school counselor earning California School Counselor of the year and four school counselors earning Orange County School Counselor of the Year.
- Led in the development of the district-wide guidance delivery plan addressing the social-emotional, behavioral, academic and college and career needs of students resulting in a 60% decrease in bullying and 13% increase in the district school climate index score.
- Spearheaded the development of systematic district-wide school counseling processes, procedures and documents to ensure consistency across the district.
- Established the District Cultural Proficiency Committee
- Earned a Doctorate of Education in Organizational Leadership

FUN FACTS

- Rebecca loves to travel and dance.
- When she moved to America from England at the age of ten, Rebecca had a British accent.
- Rebecca is the lucky mom to three children, including two boys and one girl.

TESTIMONIALS

"The best presentation for me! Rebecca is a dynamic speaker - relatable and personable. I really appreciate the resources."

- 2020 National School Counseling Leadership Conference Attendee



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