

HUMAN RESOURCES NEWS



Spotlight On

JANINE HUGHES

DIRECTOR, SIERRA SCHOOL AT EASTERN: UPPER SCHOOL



Sierra Welcomes New Director

The Sierra Schools & Academies of California are delighted to announce the promotion of Janine Hughes to the position of School Director of our Upper School in Sacramento. Janine was formerly the Clinical Director of the Sierra School Day Rehab Program (in Elmira, CA (Solano County)), but as of the 2011–2012 school year, Janine will now oversee all of the daily operations, staff management, and student initiatives at our Eastern Avenue Upper School campus.

The Sierra School at Eastern: Upper School is a nonpublic facility dedicated to the education and socialization of 7th to 12th graders (aged 12 to 22) who face emotional, behavioral, learning, and language challenges. As such, the fulfillment of their IEPs (Individual Education Plans) requires customized curriculums and personalized attention delivered by particularly skilled and specially trained professionals.

Janine is a perfect fit to lead the team at Eastern's Upper School based on her solid background, her extensive experience with special needs students, and her unique blend of steadfast determination, ceaseless compassion, and endless enthusiasm. We're honored to have her at the helm of one of our most esteemed schools that expertly meets the needs of targeted populations of students, and we can't wait to see what personal touches Janine will add to her program.

Director's Message

"I love working for the Sierra family and have truly enjoyed my time here since joining in February 2009. I am originally from England, where I grew up until the age of 13, and then traveled west to California. I always had a drive to be in the helping professions in the field of education and was focused on that throughout my early career, which included positions at the UHS Program, the Eureka (CA) School District, and La Familia Counseling Center.

At SESI's Solano Day Rehab School, I was excited to play a critical role in such a groundbreaking program that allowed me to pursue my interest in mental health in the academic arena. I worked hand in hand with my staff to provide students with the most emotionally stable educational environment we could create for them, and that proved the ideal training ground for my new position.

Since receiving my Master's in Social Work from California State University and then my PPS (Pupil Personal Service) credential, I have been invested in improving the lives of children with challenges. My approach is to work one-on-one with families to ensure the optimal growth of each child, and in my leadership position within the Sierra School system, I pledge to always do my best to fully meet the multifaceted needs — academic, behavioral, social, emotional, and developmental — of all the students entrusted to my care."



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