

Even when Geraldine Kruk was five, she knew she wanted to be a teacher. At that young age, Geraldine, a native of Pennsylvania, would spend hours playing school.

“I was one of those rare kids who really loved school and actually enjoyed homework,” Geraldine said. “I always knew I would grow up to teach.”

A graduate of Cal State, San Bernardino, Geraldine now teaches math and science to sixth graders at Colonel Joseph Rodriguez PREP Academy. Before joining the Rodriguez staff in 2008, Geraldine spent 13 years teaching at Del Vallejo Middle School.

One of her passions is bringing new technology, like the Interwrite pad, into her classroom. Interwrite pads are hand-held devices that allow teachers to move around their classroom as they demonstrate lessons on a large screen.

She engages her students with real-life lessons about the importance of good credit and



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knowing your FICO score. For the past two years, the majority of Geraldine’s students have posted astonishing test scores, with nearly 70 percent of her 125 students moving up one or more proficiency levels on the California Standards Tests.

When not teaching students, Geraldine helps fellow teachers hone their skills. She regularly gives up her conference period to coach other teachers across the District. Lunchtime for Geraldine isn’t spent in the staff lounge. Instead, Geraldine spends those 30 minutes interacting with students, it is one of the reasons she has such great rapport with them. Geraldine also makes time to tutor former students who are now in high school.

As the first one in her family to graduate from college, Geraldine uses her own life experiences to help motivate her students to pursue a university degree.

Geraldine lives in San Bernardino with her husband, Stephen, and their two daughters, Madison, 6, and Sydney, 4.