



The Charles W. Davidson College of Engineering

2021 Staff Excellence in Service Award

Ms. Fabiola Arellano

The Staff Excellence in Service Award Recognizes staff with exceptional service to students, a department, the college, the university or to the community.



Since joining ISE in 2008, Fabiola has provided dedicated, resourceful, and competent service to ISE's Chair, faculty and students as the Department's Administrative Analyst. She has received this award in recognition of her excellent record of department service, and also in recognition of the high regard that she has earned with students and staff across the college. In receiving the award, Fabiola has written the following comments:

I am an alumna of San Jose State, having graduated in 2004 with a B.S. in Business Management and a minor in Spanish. I started my career as a student assistant, and chose to stay at San Jose State once I graduated

because I saw it was a great place to work, and I wanted to help students. Having been a student myself and having been in their shoes, I wanted to give to them what had not been offered to me. I wanted to be there for the less represented students and give them what I would have wanted while I was studying. I'm happy to see many students, once they are ready to graduate, come to my office and simply say a "Hello and Thank you for all your help these years." This is very rewarding!!

I've been a staff member with San Jose State for 16 years! I'm happily married to Adrian Arellano and have two amazing boys A.J. (7), Ethan (3) and baby #3, Isabella! In my spare time I like to go out with my family and explore new sites around the Bay Area and vicinity cities.



Fabiola holding Isabella, with A.J., Ethan, and Adrian, 12/2021

We asked Fabiola to comment on a few questions and her responses are below:

- **What is your proudest moment at SJSU?** My proudest moment at SJSU has been becoming an Alumni from SJSU!
- **What advice would you give to recent new hires?** Always be ready for a change! And don't be afraid to ask questions!!
- **Tell us something about yourself that would surprise us.** I was only supposed to attend SJSU and get my B.S. degree and go out to find a job in Industry. Not only did I not leave SJSU. I Graduated, got my B.S. degree and started my career in the College of Education as a Student Assistant!! Wow!! In March it will be 22yrs since I started my career at SJSU!!