

Dear Associated Students of Gavilan College,

I am running for the Area 5 seat on your Board of Trustees, and while I regret that I am unable to present myself to you in person, I thank you for taking up the question of endorsing me.



I am a resident of Hollister, a graduate of Live Oak High School, the parent of two (one a senior in college, the other a senior in high school), and a full time high school teacher (at Sobrato High School in Morgan Hill). I cannot take time off from school to campaign for myself, which is why I am not able to join you. If I am elected, I will be able to take time to meet with you.

This is my 34th year as a teacher! Perhaps I have had some of you in class? I taught for 19 years at Britton Middle School when it was a 7-9 school, then moved to Sobrato when we opened that school in 2004. I am a Social Studies teacher, but I also have a math credential and have taught math a few times over the years. In addition to teaching, for 5 years I was ASB Director at Britton. Five times, I took groups of 8th & 9th graders to Washington, DC over Spring Break. At Sobrato, I am the Advisory of the Harry Potter Alliance, which is actually a service club (like

Dumbledore's Army - youth taking on the real threats of the day). I love the time I spend with my students.

I want you to know that if I am elected I will always be interested to hear what you have to say. I am concerned that all students should feel valued as member of the campus community. I also believe that we need to be constantly looking to understand the obstacles that get in the way of students' ability to complete the education goals they have set for themselves.

I would be honored to have your support, and I look forward to meeting you, whether on the main campus or in Hollister.

Thank you,
Jeanie Wallace