

Dear Selection Committee Members,

Please consider Jane Ostrander for participating in the HETS Learning Technologies Leadership Academy. She was a public-school educator for sixteen years and spent the last seven at a middle school campus which was comprised of approximately 49% of Latino learners. Jane attended three Ruby Payne Understanding Poverty trainings where she learned about the unwritten social customs within different classes and cultural groups.

In addition to her teaching background, she has earned a Master of Library Science degree and has worked in school, public, and academic libraries. Her knowledge of working with diverse populations of all ages makes her an excellent candidate to deploy technology literacy, digital literacy, and higher education social customs literacy skills for first time in college students (FTIC) as well as non-traditional students.

For the past five months, Jane has joined our Educational Technology Services team as an Instructional Support Specialist. In her department, she has led the creation, development, and deployment of a Microsoft Teams training course which has been issued to all instructors and staff at Hill College. She hosted two professional development sessions last month: one session was on incorporating the use of artificial intelligence within classroom instruction and the other was training faculty on how to use an online software application.

When creating the artificial intelligence seminar, Jane brought together instructors, members of our Information Technology team, and used additional staff to help run the workshop. Jane creates unity within the college, and her presentation style is both engaging and entertaining. In short, although Jane has not yet hit her two-year mark with our institution, she is able to use her soft leadership role to create a lasting impact on student learning success.

Thank you for considering Jane for the HETS Learning Technologies Leadership Academy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Theresa Arias', written in a cursive style.

Theresa Arias
Director, Learning Innovation