

# *Celebration of Excellence*

## *Employee of the Month*

**CHS – Valerie Anthony**

**Years at CISD:** 20 years

**Why did you choose a career in education?**

Oh my, what can I say except that Jesus put me here? I applied for this job on Thursday. On Friday, I got an interview and he hired me. I started Monday – the first day of school! But the whole time I was talking to my Jesus. He is the one who put me here to help take care of all my Angels, young and old. I love them, everyone. When you hurt I hurt. I want everyone to know Jesus.

**What makes a good employee?**

I'm not a good person. I do try hard everyday to be a better person, but I fail in a lot of areas.

**A career in education means constant growth. What is one area in which you wish to improve?**

I'm constantly looking for ways, as far as the constant growth is concerned. I want our school district to shine, and I want everyone that visits to say, "WOW, this is an AWESOME place!"

**What do you love about CISD?**

I love CISD. All of my angels, young and old, everyone has a special place in my heart. Being nominated is like, "WOW." I know I'm not worthy of this but, I want to thank everyone and always remember to *Smile Sunshines*, because it will be okay!

**From Around Campus:**

Valerie is so upbeat and positive. Not only does her smile and cheerful greetings encourage other staff, but I have heard many students talk about how she positively impacts their day. The students talk about bad or stressful mornings that might make them late and how seeing and talking to Mrs. Valerie in the morning often changes their moods!!

Ms. Valerie always has a smile in her face. She is a lot of times the first person students encounter when they get to school.

Most people think of the teaching staff when selecting an employee of the month. Ms. Valerie works very hard at her job. And goes above and beyond by baking us as staff treats on many occasions for no reason. She's always smiling no matter how many times a day her window is knocked on and they are many.

She is a ray of SUNSHINE!

Mrs. Valerie most often sees our students on stressful mornings. They come in tardy, and they have to deal with her. Fortunately for our students, the person they have to deal with is kind, calm, collected, and makes a good impression on their morning. Her faith in the Lord is evident, and she spreads His love by greeting our babies every day.

