

Food Service Employee of the Year 2019

David has been working with Sodexo for 3 ½ years. David started working as a substitute and was willing to travel anywhere in the district. David eventually landed a permanent position at his new home at Gulf Breeze Elementary. David currently is working as our main cook. We truly believe this is David's niche. Without effort or persuasion, David will always go the extra mile to insure the quality of the food is appealing and delicious. David is his own worst critic, even when everyone enjoys his food.

When asked by the coworkers to describe David, some of the words you will consistently hear is "caring" and "compassionate". David cares about **everyone**. From coworkers to students, to administration and even the parents. David is passionate about going the extra mile to insure everyone's needs are met. Friday is typically the busiest day of the week. That doesn't slow down David's "passion to serve", as he will be sure to make special pizzas for the teachers.

In the morning David will take the time to go into the café and interact with the students with jokes and stories and David will tell them what we are having for breakfast as well as lunch. David routinely encourages students to try something new in the cafeteria and give him feedback afterwards.

David is truly loved by all the students here at Gulf Breeze Elementary. It is not uncommon for David to receive personally notes from the students, as well as gift and pictures. David has even received a handmade bracelet.

We are truly blessed to have him with us.