



Reasons why I like **SJSU**.
S (Students, Silicon Valley)
J (Jazz festival)
S (Spirit of Smith and Carlos Sculpture)
U (University learning goals) – **KyungMo Han**



I love San José State because it reflects not only life in California, but also the whole world. We have students from the Bay Area, the Southland, across the United States—from everywhere. We have students who are just out of high school, returning to school, younger, and older. We have students that are first-generation immigrants, who are the children of immigrants, and student's whose families reflect the long and complex history of California. We have many students who are the first in their families to attend college. And I am stunned by how eager they are to learn and to create, and I love that our multifaceted and talented faculty is here to help them successfully start the next stage of their life journeys. – **Gordon Haramaki**

I love SJSU because it has offered me countless opportunities to embrace my love of learning for the past 15 years. Throughout my life, education has always been important to me. The chance to share my knowledge with so many students over the years has been an incredible and valuable experience. I look forward to spending many more years at my home always from home. – **Dina Kameda**



I love SJSU for so many reasons! The Geology Department is a close-knit community of brilliant and diverse students and teachers who are incredibly welcoming and down-to-earth (no pun intended). SJSU has a beautiful campus and is in the heart of one of the most inventive and creative cities in our country! The students here are wonderful and come from every part of the world. These and many other reasons are why I decided to teach at SJSU as a career; I am so lucky to have such a rewarding and exciting job that I absolutely love! – **Joe Petsche**



Colleagues -- students -- opportunities! – **Ruth Rosenblum**

SJSU is my Alma Mater! What's not to love about the school I attended for my Masters in English and Comparative Literature and where I am now a lecturer. It is my second home here in San Jose.

When I first joined SJSU English department as a grad student, I had an MD and not a BA, but the Grad Councilor Dr. Don Keesey welcomed me and gave me a chance to prove to him that I was a suitable candidate for English. I didn't let him down, nor did I disappoint my mentors, Dr. Noelle Brada-Williams, Dr. Grant, Dr. Rice, Dr. Williams. Dr. Karim, Dr. Pollock and Dr. Douglass. I am proud to say that I now teach at the institution that gave me the opportunity to show my love and passion for English and an enthusiasm towards teaching it. My favorite memories comprise of my time spent in the former Clark Library preparing for comps, picnicking in the lawns, and spending quality time in the classrooms across the campus with my students. Most of all, however, I cherish the bonds I have created and continue to create with my students as their caring teacher.

– **Roohi Vora**



There is so much I love about SJSU: It's history, its diversity, and, of course, the quality public education provided, just to name a few. I love the vibrancy of campus; I love the buzz of students; I love walking by the statues of Tommie Smith and John Carlos and passing under the Cesar Chavez gate; I particularly love seeing the varying qualities of light on Tower Hall depending on time of day and season of year. I've also loved seeing all the new buildings go up over the past 15 years (still waiting for an HGH renovation!). What I love the most, however, is the amazing SJSU community. Over the past 15 years, and especially the last two, I've been moved by the dedication, commitment, and resiliency across our community. I'm regularly inspired by my amazing colleagues in the Communication Studies Department, by faculty and staff across the university, and by the diversity of students I have the privilege to teach. Over the years, I've met students who are first in their families to go to college, students returning later in life to complete, or even start, their undergraduate studies, students juggling jobs, caring for families, students across the range of diversity all driven by a desire to achieve a college degree. These students have amazed, inspired, amused, irked, delighted, uplifted, and humbled me over the years. Even when times have been challenging over the last 15 years, it's the students, and the rest of the SJSU community that serve them, that have kept me coming back. I am honored to be a part of the amazing SJSU community. — **Karen Williams**

