It is the university that helped shape and define my career as a professional allowing me to impact all who I worked with both in city based recreation and recreation therapy in clinical settings. SJSU is the employer who continues to allow me to share my deepest gifts with students exploring their paths in life and developing as young professionals in Recreation and Recreation Therapy. – Billie Jo Grosvenor

San Jose State has been part of my life since 1991 when I accepted a part time position as the Methods of Foreign Language instructor in the World Languages and Literatures Department. Since then I have come to admire immensely the work of professors in the College of Education and World Languages and Literatures Department. San Jose State has been honored as being the most transformative university in the country and I totally agree with this distinction. Over the past years I have seen many first generation students come through my classes and many are now teaching French, Japanese, Mandarin, and Spanish in Santa Clara County. – Anne Jensen

I love SJSU because it is an institution with rich diversity, both internal and external. At SJSU, I can find people from different traits and characteristics, people with different attributes and experiences. SJSU gives me opportunities to share my knowledge and skills with students who need them and to learn from students what I do not know. I now look forward to enjoying worldview diversity at SJSU in the coming years. – Thuy Le
As an occupational therapist I love helping people move towards their goals regardless of the situation. San Jose State University, as a public institution, provides that opportunity for a dynamic and diverse student population and from my connections across campus it seems that motivates most Spartans. But I need to make a special call-out - I love the faculty, staff, and students in the Occupational Therapy department! They ROCK! – **Winifred Schultz-Krohn**

As a first-generation college student, I was honored to be accepted to San Jose State University to complete my Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Therapy. This institution provided me with the opportunity to serve others and in that capacity I often returned to provide guest lectures as an occupational therapist. When the post-professional Master of Science degree opened I was encouraged and supported by the SJSU OT faculty to pursue this advanced degree. They believed in me when I doubted my skills. I was very honored to be selected as the Graduate of the Last Decade in 2006. I served as the Academic Fieldwork Coordinator for the SJSU Program and was then encouraged to pursue my PhD degree. Over my 25 years at SJSU I have been a lecturer, faculty member, and am now honored to serve as the Chair of the OT department in a place that has continued to believe in me. – **Gigi Smith**