

Reflecting on her role at TGS, Ms. Justiniano said, "Healing is not linear and not every child heals or learns the same. As a school social worker, I am in a really special position to connect with students on an emotional level, advocate for equity within school systems, create a safe space to normalize therapy for our kids, and break the stigma behind mental health. I am grateful to work at a school where we prioritize the needs of each student educationally and emotionally. It has been really rewarding for me to build strong relationships with students, teach them skills that they can apply in and out of the classroom, and be a safe space."

Ms. Justiniano can be seen walking the campus, visiting classrooms, responding to student needs, engaging with families and community partners, and supporting teachers as we continue to cultivate a safe and healthy learning environment that meets the needs of our diverse student body. She has become a strong advocate for this community and a leader among her peers. TGS is truly fortunate to have a social worker with Ms. Justiniano 's experience and training on our staff. She is a reliable force within The Greene School community and beyond. We are excited to highlight Ms. Justiniano in this month's recognition.

Ms. Justiniano received her bachelor's and master's degrees in social work from Rhode Island College, Providence, RI. In addition, she is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), working towards receiving her independent license. She also has a Graduate of Certificate Studies in Integrated Behavioral Health, which has allowed her to integrate both behavioral health support and providing support for individuals with a wide range of health conditions.