



JEN CALDWELL, *servant leader*

Jennifer Caldwell, a 2005 graduate of La Reina High School, was recently awarded the *Pacific Coast Business Times* “40 under 40” Award, an honor given to 40 of the next up and coming community leaders. In addition, she is one of the 2017 recipients of the Young Professional of the Year, awarded by the Ventura Chamber of Commerce.

Having the opportunity to be recognized in positions of leadership is no small feat for Jen. She says, “both of these awards have mentioned my leadership in the community and my commitment to others--values and skills I learned at La Reina.”

Currently, Jennifer is the Director of Marketing and Special Events for FOOD Share, the food bank of Ventura County, feeding approximately 75,000 individuals a month. The organization’s mission is to provide access to nutritious food for residents who may not have access to healthier options or any food at all.

For Jennifer Caldwell, her connection to the Sisters of Notre Dame goes way back and has managed to influence her current projects. It has been nearly 13 years since Jennifer has walked through La Reina’s halls as a student herself. As the relationship to La Reina has come full circle, she appreciates the fact that her daughter Brooklyn (a sixth grader at La Reina Middle School) is now experiencing La Reina’s community herself.

Jennifer catches glimpses of her own time at LRHS and is grateful for the memories and community spirit she experienced. She fondly remembers the SNDs who influenced her--Sr. Mary Leanne Hubbard, her teacher for junior and senior religion, and Sr. Antoinette Marie Moon, La Reina’s principal at the time.

When asked how La Reina has prepared her for life, Jennifer stated, “My education and experience at La Reina shine in everything I do. The past two years have been evidence of that, in the work that I do!”

Jennifer’s work and her previous experience at La Reina High School & Middle School go hand in hand. She believes that the SND’s relationship to La Reina and others in the community is powerful yet simple. She says, “Love--that is the best word I can use when talking about the Sisters of Notre Dame. Their work is for the community, and every person in it, no matter their religion or background.”

One of FOOD Share’s coming projects is the 6th Annual CAN-tree Drive. For further information, visit www.foodshare.com.