

Lupe Gutierrez worked in schools as a special education teacher and principal for 20 years and had the privilege of actively interacting with students from pre-k through high school. Her career provided insight into the significance of an education, but it was the pursuit of her personal education and community involvement that gave a voice to equitable opportunities. Acquiring a master's degree taught her the value of research, however, taking on leadership roles in groups such as the Del Norte Library Board, Del Norte Personnel Commission, True North Organizing Network, and PICO (People Improving Communities through Organizing) California that has shown her the value of developing the skill to listen, question and be inclusive of differences. As a new Board member of the College of Redwoods Foundation she is excited to support our purpose, mission, and goals.