Remembering Dr. Renee Granados Emerita Nursing Faculty Member and Pediatric Nursing Leader

Dr. Renee Granados began teaching as part of the Cal State Hayward/ East Bay nursing faculty in 2002 as a part-time pediatric nursing instructor and in 2003 the nursing department was fortunate to bring her on as a full-time tenure track faculty member. She served as the nursing program's Pediatric Nursing clinical expert until her retirement in 2019, and in this role, helped to shape the careers of nearly 2,000 pre-licensure nursing students.

In 2009-2010 she led the faculty team that developed the RN to BSN nursing program. This program enrolls RNs who earned Associate's Degrees in nursing from Community Colleges who wish to complete their Bachelor's degree in nursing at Cal State East Bay. In 2011 she became the first director of the RN to BSN program and under Dr. Granado's leadership, nearly 1000 RNs completed their BSN degrees. The RN to BSN program, also known as the Post-Licensure Nursing Program, remains a very important part of the nursing program and annually helps between 50-100 Bay Area nurses advance their careers. From 2013 to 2014, Dr. Granados chaired the Nursing Scholarship Committee helping to award thousands of dollars of scholarships to nursing students. She served on the Academic Senate from 2013-2015 as a representative for the College of Science. Dr. Granados was well-respected and warmly regarded by her colleagues and was a mentor and role model to countless students. The nursing department is indebted to Dr. Granados for her leadership and we are grateful to be able to carry on her legacy by fostering students' interest in Pediatric Nursing and encouraging the careers of our post-licensure BSN graduates. Those wishing to honor Dr. Granados with a philanthropic contribution may do so by making a donation in memory of Dr. Granados to the ALS Golden West Chapter or to the Nursing Student Scholarship Fund on the Department of Nursing's "Give to Nursing" website.