CANYON HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

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Erica Renfree is a Boston native, calling San Diego her home since 2000. She is the oldest of three children. Her father served in the Coast Guard for 37 years and retired as a Rear Admiral; her mother was an Office Administrator. She was the first in her family to attend a four year university and the majority of her extended family is in education and the military.

She attended USF, USD three times, and SDSU twice. She holds several degrees, including a Doctoral degree in Educational Leadership.

She was beyond excited to take the position as Canyon Hills High School's Principal in 2016 because she understands the community (as she lived in it for quite some time), and Tierrasanta has the most significant military housing in the nation. She grew up in military housing due to her father's background.

She has three children, one a graduate of Serra High in 2020; an 8-year old and a 7-year-old.

Don't hesitate to contact her at the above listing for questions, comments, or concerns.

EDUCATION

San Diego State University

2012 - 2015

EdD/Doctorate, Educational Leadership

San Diego State University

2008 - 2010

Credential, Administration

University of San Diego

2005 - 2007

MEd Education, Curriculum Design

University of San Diego

2003 - 2005

Credential, Education/Teaching

University of San Diego

2000 - 2002

BA , English and Psychology

University of San Francisco

1999 - 2000

none, English and Psychology

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ABOUT CANYON HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

New Name, New Look, Same PRIDE.

A group of students petitioned the school and the school district to re-brand Serra High School. That student-led initiative began a collaborative conversation with staff, district officials, community members, and alumni. Born out of this collaborative process was a rebranding survey asking if the brand should remain or change. Each stakeholder group was given an opportunity to voice their opinions about possible rebranding and suggestions for a change.

The results of that survey were given to the San Diego Unified School District's Naming Committee. In collaboration with students and local tribal communities, the naming committee submitted its recommendation to the board. On Tuesday, March 9th, the SDUSD Board of Education announced that Serra High School's new brand will be Canyon Hills High School, home of the Rattlers with the new colors of red and black.

In the fall of 2021, Serra High School will open as Canyon Hills High School, and the first of many generations of Rattlers will walk these halls. As we move forward as CHHS, know that we are not erasing our history, but we are adding to it. We are currently working on creating a "legacy room," where our 40+ years of history will be proudly on display, rather than tucked away in a dusty yearbook. Our legacy room will be a place where everyone in our learning community can celebrate the Conquistadors who came before us, and the Rattlers that will be our future. Future students may be donning Red and Black, but our Brown and Gold heritage will always play a role in who we are.

We know that you will have many questions about the rebranding process. Keep an eye on the Principal's blog in the coming weeks. Our rebranding will not happen overnight, and the Principal's blog will be our primary means of keeping you in the loop.

HELPFUL LINKS

Canyon Hills High School's Home Page
https://www.sandiegounified.org/schools/canyonhills

Principal Renfree's Blog
https://serrahighschool.wixsite.com/blog

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