

Melissa Cabrera, or Missy, began her Triton journey as a volleyball recruit. She participated on the team for two years and then transitioned into being an assistant coach while continuing her criminal science degree. When she finished her time in the athletic department, she moved across River road to the science building. She was a teacher for a brief moment and then became the secretary for the department where she began to touch lives for more than 30 years. In all of those years, she saw faculty come and go, creating lively friendships with all of them. Missy went above and beyond for everyone, not only the department but across campus. She knew almost everyone and if she did not she found a friend of a friend to know them. She had such a profound effect on those she interacted with she was elected as the president of the Classified Workforce Union. Missy would eat, sleep, and breathe Triton College and would go above and beyond to ensure the function of the department and the union. Work was only part of Missy's life. She enjoyed taking time off work and vacationing in exotic locations and cruising the world with her daughter, Baylee Cabrera, who also followed in her mother's footsteps to Triton as well. Unfortunately in 2018, Missy passed away suddenly; surrounded by friends and loved ones.