



I have known Vanessa since she was a struggling college student at Wichita State. Over the years, I have always come to admire her tenacity and playfulness. She is someone whom you can depend upon and epitomizes the word loyal.

Her family members in the United States have always received her advice and support, have a deep sense of appreciation for her.

Family is another important characteristic that has shaped Vanessa's outlook on her life's work. Her family's migration to the United States led her to attend Wichita State University. As a result, she earned a bachelor's and master's degree from WSU and has spent her entire professional career serving low-income, first-generation, and students with disabilities at Wichita State.

She is truly a person you would want to have as a colleague and friend. I wish her all the best and congratulate her on her well-earned position as a member of the TRIO staff.

Larry Ramos
Executive Director
TRIO Talent Search

Vanessa was a student at the Student Support Services (SSS) program at Wichita State University (WSU) in 1984. She was a very hard worker, dedicated to her college courses and her position at SSS. She has brought many students to get help from the TRIO programs over the decades she has studied and worked at WSU.

Vanessa would be an asset to any department or company where she chose to work. She learns quickly, asks questions, and produces accurate data and reports.

After she worked for SSS for many years, she was promoted to a position of director of the Disability Support Services program. This was a great opportunity for her, and she excels at helping students.

Vanessa is a very compassionate and caring person, and she is an outstanding example of an alumni who gives back to WSU.

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