EUHSD Del Lago Academy’s Academic Dean, Tessa Riley, Selected as ACSA Secondary Co-Administrator of the Year

Tessa Riley has served as the Academic Dean at Del Lago Academy (DLA) since 2015. Throughout her tenure, Mrs. Riley has ensured students are well supported in an engaging learning environment which encourages their pursuit of college, career, and life readiness. Her passion for doing whatever it takes in support of student success has been foundational in the Del Lago culture and makes her an outstanding choice for the award of Secondary Co-Administrator of the Year from the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA), Region 18 for San Diego and Imperial counties.

EUHSD Superintendent Dr. Anne Staffieri wrote the following description of Mrs. Riley in her letter of nomination:

“With a strong focus on creating and sustaining systems for student interventions and extensions of learning, Mrs. Riley is a remarkable example of educational leadership. She has rich and broad experience in working with staff to inspire significant change in student programs and services.”

Tessa believes that learning should be individualized and personalized, therefore promoting the academic success of all. She is responsible for and oversees the Counseling and Guidance Department. She maintains longitudinal data on all eight-hundred scholars’ academics. Mrs. Riley is routinely meeting with every scholar to design individual academic plans and holds annual parent conferences with every student and family.

Mrs. Riley’s impact on Del Lago Academy continues to be significant and impressive. Her collaborative spirit, innovative solutions, and genuine concern for all students. As a leader, Mrs. Riley’s daily actions model her commitment to professionalism. She is incredibly honest, compassionate, and empathetic.

Mrs. Riley will be formally recognized at the ACSA Honoring Our Own Awards Event on May 1, 2021.

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