



Alysia Shaw, a native of San Diego, a graduate of Point Loma High School and San Diego State University, is the Principal of Holly Drive Leadership Academy, and the Mother of three wonderful daughters.

While attending San Diego State, Alysia showed what a resourceful person she was by working at the Girls Club of San Diego, UPS, and Sea Port Village Ice Cream & Eatery - all while carrying a full course load. Her working career began at a very young age when she became a program aide at the Girls Club when she was 14 years old. For 12 years she worked at the Girls Club in many different capacities, eventually serving as Program Director.

Alysia then worked at UPS for eight years and then with the San Diego County Probation Department for two years prior to embarking on a career in education. Her first teaching position was with Nubia Academy. At the inception of the Holly Drive Leadership Academy, she accepted a position as Reading Specialist. She continued at Holly Drive as Vice Principal, and then was appointed Principal, a position she has held for the past twenty years.

Her accomplishments in the education field are many, including IPT Assessment Training, Recipient of “Hats Off to Teachers” Award, nominee “Teacher of the Year”, completion of Master’s Degree and Teaching Credential requirements at National University, Graduate of the “Principal Executive Program” at UCSD, Reading Recovery graduate, and recognition by the Southeast San Diego Rotary Club. Under her leadership and direction, Holly Drive Leadership Academy was selected as a “Best Practice School” in San Diego County.

Alysia Shaw believes strongly in her community and has served as a role model for many girls and young women. She has served on the Board of Directors for the Girls Club of San Diego, the United Way of San Diego County Speakers’ Bureau, the Executive Board of Holly Drive Leadership Academy, and the Education Advisory Committee for Holly Drive. She has been an active participant in the Soroptimist Club of San Diego annual fashion show fundraisers, a member of the “Sepia Silhouettes” modeling group, a U.S. Gymnastic Federation coach, and represented San Diego at the Pan Am Games held in Indianapolis, Indiana. Alysia was an integral part of the Junior League of San Diego’s “Career Awareness for Girls” Program, and she coordinated many musical revues performed at convalescent centers in San Diego.

As a young girl, she enjoyed gymnastics, tap dance and ballet, and was voted “Girl of the Year” at the Girls Club of San Diego. She competed on the gymnastics team and girls’ track and field team at Pt. Loma High School, and pole vaulted on the boys’ track team, the first girl in California to accomplish such a feat.

When asked what she considers her greatest accomplishment and what she is most proud of, Alysia will not hesitate to tell you - my three daughters, Chanel, Shyanne, and Sierra.