

# CELEBRATING WORLD TEACHERS' DAY AT FRAMINGHAM STATE UNIVERSITY

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## **TEACHES AT:** Graded School - The American School of São Paulo, Brazil

Graded School, an international school, will be 100 years old in 2020. Graded School has a strong international baccalaureate program. Half of the students who attend Graded School are Brazilian, with the other half coming from countries throughout the world. The students typically are of a higher socio-economic status. The teachers who work at Graded School also come from countries throughout the world.

**SUBJECT AREAS TAUGHT:** Physical Education, Grades K-5 and Coach

## **HOW DID YOU DECIDE TO ENTER INTO TEACHING?**

“I love to see people learning - no matter the age - because I think the ability to learn is the most important one in a human being. I am also a big sports fan. So, combining my passion for learning and for sports, I decided to engage in teaching sports - which is what I do at Graded.”

## **MEMORABLE TEACHING MOMENT:**



I had a K5 student who struggled for a long period with physical abilities because of his autistic condition. He is a great kid but we had a hard time teaching physical abilities since his attention span was short and his focus was usually away from the teacher. But, at the end of the K5 year, I remember his mom coming to pick him up to an after school activity 10 mins prior to the end of our Physical Education class. I've been working with him on his balance skills and when his mom got there, he was walking by himself in the balance beam. So, his mom started crying when she saw his progress - and that is priceless for me (to see parents watching their kids developing).



*World Teachers' Day is an event promoted by UNESCO and partners throughout the world. It represents a significant effort to raise awareness, understanding and appreciation for the vital contribution that teachers make to education and development across the globe.*



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