

## **EMPLOYEE OF THE 2010 FALL QUARTER**



**Laurie Furuta**, manager of the Orange County Community-Based program, has been chosen as Westview Employee of the 2010 Fall Quarter by Dwight Woodruff, Director of Business Affairs, because Laurie has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership skills, spirit of service, and willingness to take on new responsibilities. Her greatest strengths are her sincerity, transparency, honesty in dealings with others, and flexibility in meeting the demands of any situation.

As a manager, she is often called upon to take on additional responsibilities, and she does this unflinchingly and with a determination to do the job well. She listens to others' ideas and input, carefully weighs the information, comes up with a plan, and then makes the plan happen. Laurie has organized and provided leadership to the Westview Computer Lab in Orange County, which provides valuable training to our clients.

Laurie is a person you can always depend on as a Team Player. For instance, she sometimes attends School Nights, where she serves as an ambassador not only for her own program but also for all of Westview. At these school meetings, which sometimes occur on weekends, she distributes the brochures of other Westview programs as well as her own. Also, if she finds that a client in her program is not suitably placed she will communicate with other Westview managers to try and get the client enrolled in a different program. Whether it is the Westview Orange County Sports Fest, Staff Appreciation Party, or a client party, she is invariably one of the first to arrive to set up and last to leave after being sure that everything has been cleaned up and put away.

Finally, Laurie is someone you just like to be around because she is pleasant, polite, responsive and sincere. She is able to establish good rapport with her own staff, other managers and Westview support staff, service coordinators, care providers, and family members. You know that if Laurie says it, it is completely trustworthy.

**Congratulations, Laurie!**

