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For Nicole Vannelli, being a fourth-grade teacher at Rancho Rosal Elementary in Camarillo involves extra-long days, managing large groups of kids and leading multiple extracurricular activities. And, it's a job she wouldn't trade for the world.

Vannelli has 33 students in her class and leads the school's 98-member Junior Optimist club. The club performs community service and coordinates activities to support the school. As if that wasn't enough, she also co-led this year's spelling bee and will be in charge of the school talent show this spring.

"I arrive way before school begins and try very hard to leave by 5:00," says Vannelli. "My days are extremely long and full, but I'm in awe of how rewarding it is to be a teacher. I love seeing our students grow academically and knowing I make a difference in their lives. It's a dream job."

A two-time graduate of CI, Vannelli served as a co-teacher at Rancho Rosal (located only five miles from campus), while completing her credential. Retaining close ties with CI is another perk of the position. "I interact with the current co-teachers on a daily basis, which is great," she says. "I also get to see their supervisors, my former professors. I love how supportive they are and how proud they are of what I've accomplished."

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