



## ALL IN THE FAMILY

### *Orenda is Home for the Grandersons*

(October 11, 2023) GEORGETOWN, TX — Looking for a career change while chasing a dream, Quincy Granderson joined Orenda Education as a teacher’s aide at Cedar Crest Residential Treatment Center in Belton.

“My dream was to work with kids and to coach but life happened,” said Granderson. “To be honest, with the ups and downs, I didn’t know if I was going to stay in education.”

It happened all right, Granderson has been with Orenda ever since, 16 years to be exact. He credits the loyalty and passion of Orenda founding leaders who worked through the challenging



landscape to succeed as a charter school.

“Our founding philosophy is the Circle of Courage and it is truth,” said Granderson, the current head basketball coach at Gateway College Prep. “We live the philosophy here at Prep...when teachers support and lead kids, mastery and independence is possible.”

But don’t just take Quincy’s word for it – this is a family affair. His wife, Misty, joined Orenda a year after he did. Their journey together at Orenda included several years at Williams House in Lometa before coming to Georgetown.

“One of the best things about our administration is how they have always supported me in the pursuit to further my education,” said Mrs. Granderson, Orenda’s Director of Special Education. Misty has served several roles over the years, including general and special education, while earning her Master of Education degree and her principal certification. She has also served the district in roles such as Campus Testing Coordinator and Diagnostician.

Both Mr. and Mrs. agree that Orenda has been an easy place to build relationships with like-minded colleagues who believe in the school choice movement. And they have passed that belief to the next generation: adult son, Devin, is currently an aide at Prep.

“Devin has really grown in his role at Gateway. He has flourished as a big brother and mentor to the students,” said Misty. Devin is literally a big brother to one specific sixth grader, Braylon.

“We moved Braylon here in first grade after he really struggled in a larger ISD; Gateway is a diverse school, accepting of unique personalities,” said Misty. “Belonging is one of our pillars and Braylon has thrived in the environment.”

For the Granderson family who reside in Bell County, it has always been a commitment to make the commute to Orenda Schools, most recently Gateway. Finding a place they love has proven to be well worth the drive. And with their youngest son enrolled, the Granderson’s could find themselves continuing the legacy for years to come.

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### ***About Orenda Education***

*Orenda Education is the sponsoring entity for Orenda Charter School District, an “open-enrollment charter school district.” Fueled by educators and parents passionate about school choice, Orenda Charter School District operates four Central Texas campuses serving 1,900 students, providing innovative instructional methods to help students reach their academic and human potential. For more information, visit [orendaeducation.org](http://orendaeducation.org).*