

Cristina Castillo

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Cristina Castillo, M.S. in Educational Psychology, School Counseling

Castillo was featured in the October 2013 newsletter; since then, she has graduated from SIU with her master's degree (in May 2014). "My time at SIU as a graduate student, as well as graduate research assistant, graduate administrative assistant and graduate teaching assistant, allowed me to acquire a well-rounded experience," she

said. "As a result, I feel competent and confident in various areas, in addition to my degree. I feel ready to take on challenges and to represent the educational psychology department, and SIU, in a professional and ethical manner at any job." Castillo works as the interim school counselor at Tri-C Elementary School in Carterville, Illinois. "At Tri-C, I get to apply my acquired knowledge and I get to work with people that have the same educational goals and mindset, which is to 'Will the Good,' " she said. Since the position is an interim one, Castillo continues to search for a position in the Southern Illinois area that will allow her to use her degree to continue helping others. She has applied at various schools, including her alma mater, SIU Carbondale. Despite the wait, Castillo said: "I just 'keep swimming,' and I'm hoping I get to the shore soon to a steady job. I know I will!" **Good luck to you, Cristina! You will be a tremendous asset to any institution or organization!**

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