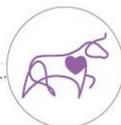


SHARLENE VANIA
OFFICE MANAGER EXTRAORDINAIRE AND CUSTODIAN FOR OUR DEANS



They say that the anchor of a ship holds in spite of any storms, and Sharlene is really one of the anchors at the Da Vinci Institute. Sharlene has worked here since 2007. She is known by most for her bubbly personality and willingness to always assist with any tasks. In Sharlene's tenure at Da Vinci she has shown her agility by wearing many hats. She has been an administrator, manager delivery, key account manager and of late she is the office manager for the Executive Dean, Dean: Design and Dean: Teaching and Learning.

Sharlene says that there are multiple reasons that she has called Da Vinci her port of call for so many years but mostly she is motivated by the continuous stimulating interactions with her colleagues each with such vastly diverse skills. Sharlene, is always receptive to change, and she resonates with the way that Davincians positively embrace the change that they experience on a continual basis for the betterment of The Institute and its stakeholders. Sharlene is inspired by the innovative approach to education and of the organisational culture at Da Vinci but most importantly she appreciates how Da Vinci allows an individual to find his/her voice and express oneself freely. This is the place she has embraced her own inner voice.



All Davincians are encouraged to **be R E M A R K A B L E** in their unique leadership contributions to the societies, which they co-create and contribute to. The REMARKABLE acronym encourages each Davincian to embrace their selection of attributes that they believe characterise their remarkability. Sharlene has selected the following attributes for herself:

Responsible, **E**nergetic, **M**eaningful, **A**live, **R**emarkable, **K**nowledgeable,
Accountable, **B**eneficial, **L**ove, **E**nergetic

Even though many may know Sharlene, there are still many hidden gems about this remarkable Davincian. Sharlene is an avid cook who believes that food is an artistic expression of one's inner self delivered on a plate for all to enjoy. It may surprise you to know that Sharlene is a very keen fisherwoman and finds a peace and tranquillity in this activity she is yet to mirror.

Sharlene has known great pain in losing her beloved son and soon after her mother but in these tragic passing's she realised her greatest life's lesson that life is short and we need to live every day as if it was our last. She certainly is a brave warrior woman and many admire her strength and resilience in adversity and look up to her.

Sharlene is a mother to many in her community and she really lives by Einstein's motto that "...if you want to live a happy life, tie it to a goal. Not to people or things." Sharlene always wants to be someone who makes a difference to all those in her community and it is a life's ambition to help as many young children in need as possible.

It is clear that storms do not scare Sharlene, instead they have metaphorically taught her how to sail her ship through any waters. Sharlene you really are a Da Vinci stalwart and an anchor to our team.

