

HAVRHILL – Rosemary Atencio loves young people and has always surrounded herself with them. As a food service employee at Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School, she helps make lunch for more than 1,100 students each day.



For her dedication, she was named January Employee of the Month. “It was a complete surprise,” she said. “I enjoy my job very much, especially all the different kids I get to meet.”

Before coming to Whittier five years ago, she worked at a Connecticut high school for 15 years. She does everything from making salads, subs and pasta salads to running the cash register, cleaning tables and washing dishes. “I go with the flow,” she said. “Whatever needs to be done.”

She also works part-time at Merrimack Valley Hospital. When she’s not working, she enjoys spending time with her two grandchildren Brady and Tayah. She lives in Methuen with her husband where they share a two-family house with her daughter and her family.