Lisa Villa

School. She wanted Colton High kids to have something “new” too. So she gave them a “new” clean campus they could be proud of.

And when one realizes just how much a part of the Colton community she is, it’s not hard to see why she’d put in so much effort. Villa lives around the corner from the school and her entire family, parents, cousins, aunts, uncles, all live in Colton within a short distance from each other.

They have a lot of school and community spirit, often attending sporting events and school activities. Six of the children in her combined family have been in Colton High with three more there now. Her mother is a retired teacher from the district. Villa says that she too loves her job.

“I love the opportunity to encourage, motivate and inspire students to reach their potential,” she says. “In my opinion, our Colton kids are spectacular. They’re great kids.”

Villa says that a security officer feels safe and while there are conflicts from time to time amongst students, it’s usually over something petty, but never anything serious or violent.

“Brothers and sisters fight too,” she says. Now that the school year has begun, Villa is working to create a new spirit club called Colton Pride, a group that can sit together at football games and cheer on the Yellowjackets as well as engage in other pride and spirit building activities. “This is our future, right here. I want to inspire kids,” she says of Colton High School. “It’s not just a place where I work.”

CHS security officer and volunteer Lisa Villa, left, was recognized by County Chair and Supervisor Josie Gonzales for her spirit of volunteerism and service, during Colton First’s fifth anniversary celebration on Wednesday, August 22 at La Veranda Restaurant.

Lisa Villa and her husband Craig Suchil were ready for a night of Colton pride and fun as they headed out to the city’s 125th birthday celebration on Saturday, July 21.

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