



# Get to know your Port of Anacortes...



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## *Meet Luz Barajas!*

Luz joined the Port of Anacortes in September 2014 as the Front Desk Office Assistant, and very quickly proved to be extremely responsive, detail-oriented, and efficient. Within one year, she was promoted to the Accounting Assistant position where she has excelled in both external and internal customer service. She recently completed the intensive Leadership Skagit program, pushing herself way outside her comfort zone in an effort to grow personally and professionally.

As Wendy Fauver, Accounting Manager, explains, “Luz is the glue of the finance team! Her infectious smile and dedication to, not only her duties, but her co-workers, truly makes her an invaluable asset to the team. Luz sets extremely high expectations for herself and sets the bar for what can truly be accomplished in a workday! But more impressive than her work ethic is just her desire to be a better person and to live life to its fullest. From completing a Tough Mudder race to opening her children’s eyes to the joy of traveling; from trying new foods to trying new sports (like skiing and snowboarding), Luz is truly an inspiration!”

## *Q & A with Luz:*

- ***What never fails to make you laugh?*** An Adam Sandler movie.
- ***How do you define success?*** For me, success is about doing my job well and achieving my personal and professional goals. I want to be recognized as someone who always does her best and tries her hardest to grow as an individual.
- ***What is an ability you wish you had?*** The ability to travel back in time. To be able to re live all the precious moments with my daughters that are growing so fast.
- ***What is the furthest you have traveled?*** Orlando Florida
- ***What is your favorite vacation spot, and why?*** Disney World. When my kids and I enter the gates to Disney World, we are literally entering another world (a magical world). Everything is family-friendly, from all the attractions to the on-site resorts, restaurants and shops. We’ve had the best memories at Disney World these past three years.
- ***Would you rather win the lottery or work the perfect job? And why?*** I would say "dream job" What if my dream job allowed me to be doing things I'd do in retirement anyway, and still get paid all the money I've ever want or need. Honestly, either answer makes sense because they're both basically the same thing. Only to me, winning the lottery means you suddenly have a ton of money. Dream job implies doing literally anything you'd love until the day you die without any concern for money - which is what life is about. Right?
- ***If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?*** This is a hard one but I would have to say pizza, I love cheese and bread.
- ***Do you have a personal motto or a favorite saying? If so, what is it?*** All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them. –Walt Disney