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## Business Spotlight

### Learning center director helps students get to the front of the class, no matter how they learn

**M**ona Sethi realized early in her career as a teacher and a counselor that all children are different, and one size does not fit all. She has worked with students in various ways to make learning fun and before she took over the Huntington Learning Center in Pleasanton five years ago, she knew she wanted to do something more personalized.

"When this opportunity came along, I was very hesitant as it was a big move. I was a teacher, and I had never run a business, but it has been perfect for me," said Sethi. "I've had a lot of support from the corporate office with running a successful business, and I've realized that I love my work!"

Every single time Sethi hears parents or teachers tell her about the change they are seeing in their students, whether it's reading, writing or math, she feels elated. "When you walk into our center, it's a fun place. It's a family environment. Kids make friends here and teachers are not technicians, but fun people," she said. The teachers are all certified, and Huntington is an accredited institution.

While Sethi has owned this local business for five years now, Huntington Learning Center has been in Pleasanton for 35 years. "I like that every student has an individualized program," explained Sethi. Students come to Huntington because of a variety of reasons whether they are struggling in school, they need additional help with homework, or they are just looking to get ahead. "Sure, we boast some impressive stats, but I also understand that the most profound accomplishments aren't seen in mere numbers, but in the first glimpse of confidence on a struggling student's face."

Since Sethi has led the learning center,



Mona Sethi celebrated her five-year anniversary of owning the Huntington Learning Center in Pleasanton this spring.

she has never refused services to any student. They tutor kids on the spectrum, with ADHD, dyslexia and those needing any accommodations. She also awards scholarships to families based on need and performance. If students really show effort and the family is in need, she helps them.

While the COVID pandemic has certainly brought challenges to Sethi, she feels fortunate and grateful to see and hear students and teachers in the center again. "I have amazing teachers and a whole lot of community support. Seeing the confidence in the students brings me a lot of joy."

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