Anne Leggett (or Annie Mae to her coworkers and friends) has been a member of the Yale Hospitality team since October 2000, and the Head GSA at Branford/Saybrook for over 17 years. Anne sites that her nickname comes from both her grandmother, Anna May, and a famous line in the 1993 Tina Turner Biopic ‘What’s Love Got To Do With It’.

Meeting people from all over the world- learning about their cultures, their foods, why they ultimately came to Yale, and what their experience has been like is Anne’s favorite thing about being a member of the Yale family. Anne also sees her Branford/Saybrook team as a close-knit family themselves.” Relishing in the successes and persevering through the tough times has taught her team to stick together”, she states.

Anne is a true family-woman. Despite being an only child, Anne wanted a large family. She has 2 sons and 2 daughters, with 6 grandchildren! She also has a few really close friends she considers sisters. Anne moved around quite a bit as the child of a military family (her stepfather served), but ultimately settled in New Haven, as her mother had previously resided in CT. Anne lived in 8 different places, and remembers a base in Yuma, AZ as being the most distinctive place in her young life. Anne loves being with her family and sees them every day. Cooking for others and hosting events and meals to bring her family together brings her the most joy. Anne wishes she had the opportunity to learn more about her Native American Great Grandmother’s heritage- ‘that is such a unique part of (Anne’s) family legacy’.

“Yale is a wonderful place to be; work, go to school, be associated with. It opens so many doors to all. There are so many facets to the university. I hope everyone takes advantage of the opportunities afforded by the university, even if it is out of their element”.

Favorite Yale Meal: 
“The Clambake they host at the Yale School of Medicine Reunions is incredible. Surf and Turf- Clams, Lobsters, Everything! Nothing beats a good Boil, and, of course, the steak! The event is also great, lots of fun. Great bands and music.”