

Welcome 2018-2019 PSI Amity Interns

Oscar:



Hello! My name is Oscar and I was born in El Salvador, in the city of San Miguel in 1996. I live there with my mother Veronica and my sister Sabrina, who is 32 years old. My mother is from a little village named Quelepa, which is part of San Miguel. Currently, we live in that beautiful place. I am still studying the Bachelor's Degree in English in a local university. Also, I have been teaching English for almost two years at Centro Cultural Salvadoreño Americano. It has helped me a lot to learn methods and strategies to teach appropriately to kids, juveniles and adults. I am the kind of person who loves all kind sports and I enjoy exercising. Furthermore, I like music, reading books, the plays, hanging out with my friends, spending time with my family and traveling. I am very excited with my future experience in Minnesota because I want to teach my country's customs and

traditions, my language and typical food. Additionally, I want to learn more about the lifestyle in the USA, learn about the education system, and make new friends.

Miriam



Hello everyone! I'm Miriam and I'm 22 years old. I was born in Spain, in the city of Barcelona in 1996. I live with my parents Carmelo and Loli in Badalona that is a city next to Barcelona. Moreover, I have one sister. Her name is Ingrid and she's 32 years old. She has a little girl, my niece. Her name is Carla and she is 7 years old. They are my life, I am always doing things with them.

I have just finished my degree as a Teacher of Primary Education with a speciality in English language. My work experience related to education started as a volunteer instructor in an English Summer Camp. Then, I was a volunteer teacher in an alternative school in Barcelona for three months in 2014. Later, I have been working

as an out-of-school English teacher of kindergarten children during the school year. Also, I have been working as an English instructor in Summer Camp of Badalonès School. In addition, I have been doing internship in many schools every year with the university and I have been teaching to many pupils in their houses since 2015.

I like spending time with my friends and family going to the cinema, eating in restaurants, watching tv series, discovering new places, walking through the beach and traveling around cities. One of my hobbies is taking pictures of the new places that I discovered. Moreover, I love doing sports. I was going to the gym during the last four years. I enjoy so much skiing in winter because since I had 5 years old I learned with my cousin in the French mountains.

I am absolutely excited to share our culture, our language, our traditional festivities, our food, our styles of clothes and our main sports with my new community. Participating on this program is the perfect way to learn about USA, to increase my professional experience with children at school and to improve my fluency of English.

Claudia:



My name is Claudia Sánchez Olivares and I am 24 years old. I was born in Concepción, Chile in 1994 and I grew up there. I live with my parents, Gabriela Olivares and Luis Sánchez. My father worked more than 20 years as a baker, but nowadays he has opened his own bakery in our house. My mother worked more than 20 years as a babysitter, but now she is working with my father in our own bakery “Panadería San Luis”. I studied to be an English teacher in a university in Concepcion, UCSC, I finished my degree last year (2017). This year I worked as an English teacher in a kindergarten and in an English institute, it was a great experience working there, because I had to teach English to children and adults, so I learned a lot! I love cats, that’s why I have two, Damon and Ayün, they are very nice and cute. I really love cooking, I’m always looking for new recipes to make because I love trying new tastes. Also, I like watching movies, hanging out with friends and spending time with my family. I am very excited for this new experience in Minnesota, I want to share my culture and customs and of course

my language. I really want to learn about USA culture, the education system, travel around the country and practicing my English!

Beatriz:



My name is Beatriz Elizabeth Moreno Mendoza and I was born in El Salvador – San Salvador in 1996. My friends and family call me “Bita”. I live with my parents Rosa and José, and my two siblings Dennis and Patricia. My brother is 17 and he is studying his last year in high school and my sister is 25, she just graduated from university last month. My mom is a seamstress and my dad is a driver. Currently I am in the last year of my university studies at Universidad Tecnológica de El Salvador. My biggest goal is to become a teacher. I have been sharing my knowledge in English language with the students of the university that most needed it. I am a Teacher Assistant since I began my second year there. Also, I

have been a doctor interpreter in health campaigns and a teacher of low-income students, who want to learn English but do not have the resources to pay for personal classes. In addition, I work with Hilton Company (Hotels) in Customer Service area since 2016. I love spending time outdoors with family and friends and exploring new places every opportunity that I can get. I am definitely a foodie and love to try new food and cook for my family. I am a pet friendly person. I enjoy working out, drawing, painting, reading books and listening to music. I always love hearing about experiences and new places to go, new food to try, or even workouts that others enjoy. I am very excited with my future experience in Minnesota because I want to show them how beautiful is El Salvador and teach customs/traditions, typical food and relevant details of my country, my language and put into practice all the methods and techniques that I learned in the university. Also, I want to know about the life in the USA, learn how the education system works there, travel around the country and improve my English. I am very confident and sure that all the knowledge I can get during my experience there I will apply it to my life, family, university and my community for a better future for everyone.

Kind regards!

Paula



Hello PSI family, my name is Paula. I was born in the historic and beautiful city of Cartagena, Colombia in 1994. I live with my parents Jorge and Yuli, and my sister Laura, she is 17 years old. We have a dog, it is called Lennon. We live in a small village named Turbaco, it is 30 minutes away from Cartagena. I went to Normal Superior de Cartagena de Indias School. It is a School where you take some subjects based on pedagogy from 9th to 13th grade; this school helped me to find my passion. Also, it provided me a solid foundation as a teacher. After I finished my studies in Normal Superior de Cartagena de Indias, I worked in a small School named "Bonsai" as a pre-school teacher. One year later, I started my degree in Education and worked in other schools as a bilingual teacher. These past 2 years I have been working in Centro Cultural Colombo Americano with children of different ages and adults; this is an institution to study English as a foreign language. In my free time, I love traveling, to spend time with family and friends outdoors, to know different places, to try new food, to dance, and to watch series.

I am really excited and happy to meet you! I hope we can share many aspects of our cultures. I have no doubt that this will be a meaningful and wonderful experience for everyone.

Cristian



Hello everyone!!

My name is Cristian Salvador Solís Chafoya. I am 22 years old. I am from El Salvador. Before coming to Minnesota I was studying my last semester at the university.

My parents are teachers, both of them. I have one sister and one brother. My sister is 29 years old and she is working as physioterapist. My brother is 7 years old, he is starting Elementary school.

I enjoy going out with Friends, I also have a lot of fun when I am playing soccer. I like to spend time with family because think family is first.

Irene



Hello My name is Irene, I'm 23 years old and I'm from Madrid (Spain). I live there with my parents Juan Carlos and Angeles, and with my brother Pablo, he is 18 years old. My father is from a little village, Candeleda (Ávila). I studied primary education at the University in Madrid. I have not worked in a school until now because I finished my degree last year. During this time I worked in summers with children (camps, english clases...). I'm an active and curious person. I like sport and learn new things. I love children and work with them is one of the best things that I can do. I traveled a lot around Europe. I was living with host families before, because I did my practices abroad. Ireland from 1 and half year and Sweden for 2 months. Also, I like the music, read books, ride my bike with my family, go to my village to see my family, hanging out with my friends and travel. I am very excited with my future experience in Minnesota because I want to teach the customs of my country, my language and the things that I learned in the university. Also I want to know about the life in the USA, learn about the education system, travel around the country and improve my English.

Maria



My name is Maria Alejandra Montaña Montaña. I am 24 years old and I was born in Colombia in the city of Tolima. I live with my parents Alejandro Montaña and Joslyne Montaña; also my young brother Juan Camilo, he is 22 years old and a journalist. I have two older sisters Jenny Viviana who has three boys: Alejandro is 9 years old and the twins Juan Diego and Luis Fernando are 8 years old; Diana Paola has one kid Jeronimo who is 8 years old (they live in Armenia, a beautiful city that is three hour far from us)

I have been studying for being a teacher since the high school, that school emphasizes the subjects on pedagogy. I already finished all my subjects at the university to become an English teacher. I worked as a teacher in many schools before starting in university, now I'm working as a teacher in a new home school project, there I have two students.

I do love teaching and I enjoy learning from kids. I also like to read, cook, dance, taste new things, walk... I like sports but I do not practice any, I practiced Gymnastics when I was little and I won many medals. I really love to spend my time with my family and travel around my country; I think it is a paradise! But I dream to travel abroad and meet many people with different cultures. I believe culture is the way to learn languages and grew up as a better person. That is one of my reasons

to travel to the USA so I am thankful with this opportunity and I want to learn and show everything I can in terms of education, lifestyle and customs.