

YSC Staff Spotlight

Name: Diana Paola Jimenez Mendoza
Title: Community Organizer & Executive Assistant
Education: Bachelor's in Sociology – Cal State Northridge
Hometown: Van Nuys, CA



Family: I am the eldest of three – I have one sister, 20 years old and a younger brother who is 12 years old. I am lucky to have both my mother and father. I am close to all my cousins – so we constantly see each other.

Hobbies: Soccer, cooking, painting, playing music and exploring the Valley and Los Angeles.

How did you come to Youth Speak Collective?

I met David, the Executive Director, at Buffalo Bruces Mercantile, a local coffee shop in Sylmar. I was working there as a barista. He shared that he worked at a non-profit and had worked with BBM before. I shared my interest in finding a nonprofit to volunteer for and he encouraged me to submit a resume for a spot as a “Futbolito Pacoima” coach – but they offered me a position as Community Organizer.

What is your role at Youth Speak Collective?

My roles at YSC breaks down to three; the first is at the Youth Speak office, doing administrative work and managing the office, the second is at Project Youth Green, assisting the Facilitator and the third area is leading our Water and Energy Conservation Campaign in a youth-driven media arts campaign outreaching to the communities in the Northeast San Fernando Valley.

What is the best part of your role?

Getting connected with the youth in my community and helping them follow through with their thoughts and ideas.

What is your favorite TV Channel?

I don't watch T.V ... I watch all my shows on Hulu.

Favorite place you have been and why?

La Placita Olvera – It brings back old thoughts and feelings of my youth.

Where is the next place you would like to go?

I would love to go to New York and explore the city.

What makes you laugh/cry?

What makes me laugh is my little brother and a good fart sound. What makes me cry is when I hear someone I love is hurt.