

YSC Staff Spotlight

Name: Luis Miguel Alvarez

Title: Academic Coach

Education: B.A. English Subject Matter/Linguistics Concentration and TESL Minor

Hometown: North Hollywood



Family: Five sisters, one brother, and mother.

Hobbies: Hiking, swimming, reading, walking my dog, pc strategy games, and politics.

How did you come to Youth Speak Collective?

I found out about Youth Speak Collective through Diana Jimenez. I volunteered at Project Youth Green one Saturday and I had a blast. Ever since I've been hooked. It's like peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, I just can't get enough!

What is your role at Youth Speak Collective?

My role at Youth Speak Collective is as an Academic Coach.

I tutor after school at Discovery Prep High School.

What is the best part of your role?

The best part of my role as an Academic Coach is tutoring the students at Discovery. I feel it is absolutely fundamental that our children, who are our future, get as much as help as possible towards their educational goals. That is what I love about being an Academic Coach.

What is your favorite TV Channel?

My favorite TV channels are MSNBC, TBS, and Cartoon Network.

I don't watch a lot of TV; it disrupts my concentration.

Favorite place you have been and why?

I have two places that I favor the most. One is Manhattan in New York. When I was 17 I went there, and it was the city's vibe and two dollar large pizzas that I really enjoyed. Second place is Big Sur, California. They have the most beautiful beaches and forests. Big Sur is the place to go if you want to go camping, just beware of mudslides and black bears.

Where is the next place you would like to go?

The next place I would love to go is Havana, Cuba.

However, I have to get my Mexican Passport.

What makes you laugh/cry?

When social norms are broken I laugh until I can't breathe. What makes me cry are wars.

There is nothing more horrific, gruesome, and detestable than war.