

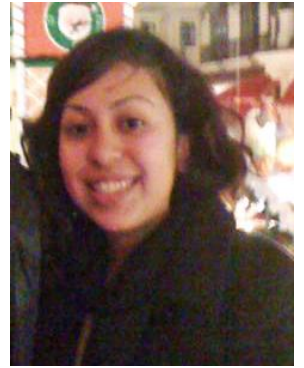
YSC Staff Spotlight

Name: Kimberly Gomez

Title: Youth Organizer, Mentor

Education: Pursuing a B.A in Sociology at Cal State Northridge

Hometown: Born in Los Angeles, raised in North Hollywood



Family: Mom, Dad, I'm the oldest, with a 11 year-old brother.

Hobbies: Basketball! Although I don't play it often it is something I love to do and watch (Lakers). Listening to music, specifically hip-hop and R&B soothes me. Reading books when I get the chance and going on adventures is always exciting. I also enjoy spending time with my loved ones.

How did you come to Youth Speak Collective?

I first got an email from Youth Speak thinking it was Spam because I had never heard of the organization, they were offering a job and luckily I got the interview. Now, I currently have a year working with this wonderful program. I am truly blessed to be part of something great!

What is your role at Youth Speak Collective?

I play various roles including facilitating the Youth Council, college classes and a mentoring program. The youth council is a youth empowerment and leadership program that encourages higher education, self-awareness and community involvement. The sociology college class I facilitate gives students the opportunity to advance in their credits and challenge themselves in a real college course. Our mentoring program just opened up and it gives guidance to students in hopes of them pursuing a career.

What is the best part of your role?

The best part of my role is interacting with different students and sharing my experiences with them. I continue to learn a great amount from them. Because of my role, my passion has become to help people in the community find our future leaders.

What is your favorite TV Channel?

I don't watch TV too often but when I get the chance I like watching NBA basketball.

Favorite place you have been and why?

I really enjoy El Salvador because it is my parent's homeland and I feel connected to my origins. Thus far, going there is my favorite getaway especially because I have a chance to reunite with my family.

Where is the next place you would like to go?

I would really like to go to Brazil-Rio de Janeiro and other places around the world to learn new cultures.

What makes you laugh/cry?

It doesn't take a lot for someone to make me laugh. I tend to laugh a lot with my family and students here at Youth Speak Collective!