



South Texas ISD

# Rising Scholars Academy

GRADES 6-8 | SAN BENITO



## KATHERINE CASTANEDA

### TECH APPS

#### BIOGRAPHY

I am excited to be working with the best students in the valley and I look forward to collaborating with such amazing and passionate colleagues at Rising Scholars Academy. I am teaching Fundamentals of Computer Science this year with our lovely 7th grade students.

As a native New Yorker, I have received my Bachelor of Arts in Forensic Psychology from the City University of New York, at John Jay College of Criminal Justice with minors in criminology and English. While I was completing my studies, I had the opportunity to work with the Hispanic Federation of New York, International Law firms, the City University of New York Peer mentoring program, food services manager for the New York METS, and more. After graduating college, I joined Teach for America and was invited to work in The Rio Grande Valley as a Mathematics teacher.

As an educator I have worked in New Jersey, Houston, The Lower East Side of Manhattan, Harlingen, and of all these different cities and schools, my favorite place to be (is and always has been) RSA! I taught math for 6 years before transitioning to a Career and Technology Education instructor.

During my spare time I love to travel with friends and family both in and out of the US, listen to True Crime podcasts, play with my Boston terrier pup BiBi, stream informative documentaries, learn how things work on Modern Marvels, and eat mint chocolate chip ice cream!