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Odalis interviews Bianca Dilorio

Introduce yourself and tell me about yourself.

Hi, I'm Bianca Dilorio I am a business education teacher at P-Tech Norwalk

What do you teach?

I teach personal finance and entrepreneurship

What is special about P-TECH Norwalk/Norwalk Public Schools?

The model of P-TECH is twofold technology and industry readiness. Within business education I get to pursue the mission of industry readiness every day. What makes Norwalk special is its robust entrepreneurship and economic development. Within my Entrepreneurship class I work closely with the Norwalk for Business Economic Development committee to provide real world experiences for my students.

Did you initially want to become an educator?

I started my career in private wealth management. I managed next generation relationships and people's money on a day-to-day basis. I became passionate about helping people manage their personal finances and felt I could make a bigger impact working with students. Now that personal finance is a graduation requirement with the class of 2027 I get to pursue that passion.

Tell me a time you were proud to be an educator.

When students come back and tell me about how they shared what they learned with their families and they are making changes to improve their financial futures.

Who is your hero? Who is your teaching inspiration? Why?

I had an incredible business education teacher when I was in high school. She was the person I wanted to be when I grew up. Now that I am a business education teacher I get to be that for other people and it makes me very proud.

How do you take care of your mental health?

Boundaries, Boundaries, Boundaries. It's one of the first skills that I teach my students. You have to set boundaries to protect your peace. It is a critical skill in both the workplace and your personal lives.