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Odalis interviews Diana DiMarino

Introduce yourself and tell me about yourself.

My name is Diana DiMarino, and I am a Spanish teacher here at NHS. I have been living in the United States for the past 23 years and have been a teacher for 11 years. I am from Colombia, but my favorite food is Italian.

What do you teach?

Here at NHS, I teach Native Language Spanish and Spanish Level 2.

What is special about Norwalk High School/Norwalk Public Schools?

NHS has been a wonderful place to work as it is a very diverse community. I love working with many immigrant children, helping them, and being a role model for them. I also enjoy working with non-native students and sharing my culture, emphasizing the importance of learning a second language and my passion for my native language. Additionally, I am very grateful to have the opportunity to work with such a kind group of people here at NHS. I feel that I am part of a great family as my colleagues, the custodians, security personnel, paraprofessionals, administrators, and other employees are very compassionate individuals who always strive to serve our community to the best of their abilities.

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

It is hard to pinpoint a specific moment where I have felt proud of being an educator as I am continually rewarded by the success stories of my students, the acts of kindness that occur at school, and the visits or emails from my alumni sharing wonderful stories of their lives after high school.

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

My hero is Jesus Christ. My teaching inspiration is my mother, as she taught me the most important life lessons.

How do you take care of your mental health?

I take care of my mental health by taking naps and spending time with my loved ones and friends.

If you would like to add anything else, feel free to do so.

“Life is full of ups and downs, but there is always a silver lining, and hope will always help us endure. All the challenges we face in life will help us grow”.