

Biography

My name is Zaida Linares, and I am from the beautiful city of Caracas, Venezuela. I am fluent in Spanish. While living in Caracas, I worked as a flight attendant for eight years and also served as an instructor for the airline. In 1990, I became the check airman for the airline. I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Tourism in 1998 and worked in the hotel industry for almost two years.

In 2000, I moved to Arizona with my family and have lived here since then. My son's name is Victor, and he is currently working as an EMT with aspirations of becoming a doctor. My husband's name is also Victor, and he is an airline pilot.

I obtained my Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certification from Scottsdale Community College in 2006, and I hold a master's degree in bilingual education from NAU. I have volunteered at Desert Canyon Elementary School, various schools in the Scottsdale district, and at Gateway Elementary School in the Creighton District. I taught for seven wonderful years at Mission Charter School, Incorporated, covering grades 3-8. Additionally, I taught for nine years in second grade at Desert Willow Elementary School as part of the Spanish Immersion Program.

I am thrilled to continue teaching in my native language and to contribute to children's growth and development. I eagerly anticipate seeing their ongoing acquisition of a new language, which is an essential skill that will benefit them for a lifetime. When I reflect on why I became a teacher, numerous reasons come to mind, but the most compelling is my desire to work with children. I constantly seek new ways to improve and to help them.

I cherish spending time with my son, husband, relatives, and friends. My hobbies include hiking, dancing, cooking, reading poetry, traveling, collecting different currencies from around the world, and gathering items with sun and moon motifs.

iMuchas Gracias! :)