

# 2026 YOU MATTER AWARD WINNER



## Grace Aragones



### Black Rock Middle School



Senora Aragones has taught all of our children and approaches her teaching with kindness and real-world application. She has inspired [one of our children] to want to be fluent in Spanish and has taken the time to really get to know him, to understand the awkward stage of middle school development & embrace it, and to make him feel seen and cared for every day. He loves Senora Aragones and always comes home ready to share his experience with her.

He loves that her class is interactive, that it focuses on real world application of Spanish, and that she makes learning fun. Her approach to her classroom is one that centers on belonging - so important for all children but especially middle school boys.

She spends time supporting her students outside of the classroom, attending school events and sports.

She has extended her warmth to our youngest [child], who also thinks she is the best! She taught our eldest [child] several years ago, but still asks about him and remembers so much about him.

She is a joy and we feel so incredibly grateful for her presence in our children's lives. Her commitment to knowing the whole child is unmatched!!



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