



**My  
diversity &  
cross cultural  
story**

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# My background.

**My name is Jennifer Nazario Flores, I am 18 years old and im still undecided on my major. I was born and raised in Elmhurst New York. I consider myself more Mexican just because I feel more comfortable talking, writing and speaking in Spanish. My family is very religious. I'm catholic and like going to church and praying for the well being of others. I think it's important to help others without asking for anything in return. I fluently speak english and spanish.**





# Mexico culture

Mexico is located in north America. it borders to the north with the United States . Mexico is the 5th largest country in the Americas and the 14th largest in the world. It is the 11th most populated country and the largest Spanish speaking country. Mexico does not have an oficial religion but Catholicism is the domaint faith. religion is presented in festivites and events and in people's house.





# My family's Migration experience

My parent's journey to the U.S was challenging, both of my parents came to the U.S when they were 16 and 18 years old, my dad came first and then a year later my mom did, some of the challenges my family faced was adapting to a new environment and being able to communicate because they didn't speak or understand English. Another challenge my mom faced was remembering the street names. I would remember she told me she got lost on her first week of being here in the U.S. My mom also had trouble using the transportation because she wasn't sure how the trains worked.





# **My family's acculturation story in America.**

**My family successfully embraced and adapted to America culture and lifestyle by taking advantage of the programs that existed near where we live where they would have courses that taught English, this allowed my mom to have a better understanding of English and being able to help me and my siblings with our homework and to communicate with our teachers.**

**While embracing the American Culture, my family maintained many traditions that are important to us, it was really important for my mom that me and my siblings learn Spanish. We also celebrate the day of the dead but with put a picture of our ancestors and a type of flower called cempasuchil, candles and the favorite food of those who passed away.**





# **My cross-cultural experience**

**I've had the chance to travel to Mexico two years ago, I could say It was very culturally enriching, there was many street vendors everywhere and all the people there very polite, I was amazed seeing younger children working with their parents at such a young age the way young children communicated was as if they were adults. The way everyone seemed happy despite the conditions they live in. Unlike in the U.S you would see adults begging for money but in Mexico people would be selling the most minimum item for a few coins**





# Learnings

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**Some things I learned from my parents and on my visit to Mexico was how the transportation was different, in the small place where my parents live there were these moto-taxis that would charge you for a low price. I think language is important, I'm very grateful for my mother who would go to the principals office everyday so me and my siblings could learn spanish at school. I also learned how certain food were actually make because in the U.S mostly foods are already in packages and don't have the same test.**

**I think language is important because now I'm able to communicate with other people and assist them at my job.**





# Family interview

**How was your experience  
Immigrating to the U.S?**

**“I was very scared of coming here, all we ever heard back in Mexico was the stories of people who weren’t able to cross, finally being able to be here was something I thank to god, It was difficult adapting here, your dad had to go to work and I had to go out alone looking for a job, I remember I got lost because I didn’t know the street names, it took me some time to figure it out but everyday I would get used to the street names.”**



# Conclusion

**I learn a lot from my parents country and I think it's important we embrace our culture because in this way we all are different and can learn from each other. Being able to travel to my parents home country was a privilege and I enjoyed seeing how people would embrace Mexico. There's many differences between countries, between the U.S and Mexico the food is different and how people are raised as well but that's what makes each country unique.**





**Thank  
you**

