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“LAS helped me expand my knowledge about Latin Americans and most of all it gave me the opportunity to learn more about myself and see myself represented.

Latin American studies is important because it teaches us the history that we are not taught in our schools. While learning in high school I never saw myself represented in the history books and always wondered where my family fit in.”

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“I have worked as a social worker in West Michigan for over 10 years. Currently, I work at a public school with a very diverse population. I enjoy working with the students and families by providing direct services to students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) and connecting families to resources in our community.”

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“When I'm not working, I'm volunteering with BeSMARTforKids.org educating others, in English and Spanish, about the importance of secure firearm storage for preventing childhood injuries, deaths, gun suicides, school shootings & gun thefts. I often share my story about how my brother Alejandro Jr. died when he was shot by an unsecured gun at a sleepover when he was fourteen-years-old. LAS helped me be more understanding & empathetic towards others because it helped me understand that every person has a rich & complex history within them.”

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