Biography of Esmeralda Ortiz

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Esmeralda Ortiz helps students at the Boys and Girls Club. She uses her personal experience to help them.

Esmeralda Ortiz was born in San Francisco, California. She has 1 brother and 2 sisters. She grew up in San Mateo. Her favorite activities were birthday parties. Her parents were born in Mexico.

She attended Aragon High School in San Mateo. During high school, she did homework. She did not do any activities. Her favorite class was ceramics.

She attended college in Berkeley, California. She participated in Chicana Latinas which is a club made up of all girls. Her favorite class was social studies.

She works at the Boys and Girls Club. Her current job title is Senior Director of High School and Post-Secondary. She likes to work with the students.

Achievements

It was difficult, but she graduated. She is most proud that she achieved her goals.

Obstacles

Being a Latina student in college is hard.

Resources

She found a community of people like her to support her.

Advice

She recommends being with people who look like you so you have the chance to talk to them.