

Neighborhood House AmeriCorps 2016-2017

Member: Yvonne Alvarez

Site: Seola Gardens Youth Tutoring and Resource Center

Yvonne serves the Seola Gardens community in Seattle, Washington providing support to an after school program that supports low income K-12th grade students. Her work this year will focus on working with students by assisting with homework, planning and implementing engaging project-based learning activities and working to create stronger community partnerships.

Let's learn more about Yvonne...

Q: Where are you from?

Yvonne: Blaine, WA

Q: What are your hobbies/interests?

Yvonne: Spending time with my favorite people, exploring Seattle, football, baseball, volleyball, movies, and all things biology!



Q: What made you choose to become an AmeriCorps member?

Yvonne: I learned about AmeriCorps through being a UW Mentor for the Studio program at High Point and after graduating I decided it would be great to continue working with youth and even better if it was within Neighborhood House! I was told about the Youth Tutoring Program and thought it would be a great fit.

Q: What are you looking for most this year?

Yvonne: I'm looking for an opportunity to continue learning my strengths and weaknesses in various areas involved in youth education. Additionally I'm looking to cultivate meaningful relationships with youth and families in the Seola Gardens and White Center community.

Q: What have you enjoyed most so far about your service term?

Yvonne: Something interesting happens everyday and in very different forms. It is never a boring day when we have program. I have really enjoyed getting to know all of the youth, their families, Neighborhood House staff, and my AmeriCorps team.

Q: What has been most challenging?

Yvonne: Transitioning from a background of mostly STEM learning to teaching/tutoring different topics that come up in the Youth Tutoring Center. Also, having experience with only middle and high school, the K-5 environment has been something that I've found myself needing to learn more about.