

LANGUAGE ASSISTANTS TESTIMONIALS YEAR 2022-2023



I've always loved teaching and hope to become a college professor someday. My experience as an auxiliar has helped me practice my teaching skills and get to know students from different backgrounds. I've observed the strategies of numerous teachers working across a wide variety of different subjects, such as science, English, art, music, and physical education. The teachers here have helped me feel welcome at school and in town, and I can't describe how much I've learned from them. As auxiliars, we get to make language-learning more fun and more personal for our students. They're always excited to have us in class, eager to learn about culture in the United States while also eager to share their culture with us.

Not only have I been able to teach English, but I also learned a lot about Spanish language and culture from both my students and teachers. While my Spanish was strong before I began this program, both my listening and conversational skills have improved greatly from getting to know teachers outside of the classroom and living daily life in my small town. Encountering my students while getting groceries or coffee at a cafe has been especially rewarding, as they're always excited to see their auxiliars and introduce us to their parents and friends.

I've enjoyed small-town Spanish life, but I have also enjoyed the benefits of cheap travel to cities like Seville, Granada, Madrid, Bilbao, and Santiago de Compostela. I plan on visiting Barcelona, Malaga, Lisbon, and Andorra before I leave! I've also visited many of the other small towns near me, which each have a unique beauty and charm about them. Getting to experience the architecture and culture of Spain along with visiting some of the world's most famous art museums has been a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

In my time as an auxiliar, I've been able to hone my teaching abilities, develop my Spanish, and experience the beauty and charm of Spain and Spanish culture. I will cherish this experience forever, and my small town will always have a special place in my heart.

