

New UTeach Dallas Alumni

Nikunj Patel

Attended the

2016 UTeach Alumni Conference

Nikunj is a spring 2016 graduate of the UTeach Dallas. He will be teaching mathematics in Carrollton Farmers Branch ISD starting this fall. Nikunj shared some of his thoughts about the 2016 UTeach Alumni Conference and how it can help educators. We are so pleased to have our UTeach Dallas graduates represented at the 2016 conference!

"As a first year teacher, the UTeach Alumni Conference was a great opportunity for me to gain valuable advice and tips from experienced teachers. I was also able to share and discuss ideas about teaching and the different struggles we face in the classroom as teachers. The breakout sessions, which were interactive workshops presented by other UTeach Alum, covered a wide range of topics, and I walked away with valuable ideas and resources to use in my own classroom. Overall, the conference was a very unique and positive experience, and I definitely plan to go again next year."



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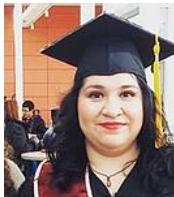
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Some of our
UTeach
Dallas spring
2016
graduates

Emily Wagoner,
Bethany Geer,
Isabel Ong,
Ali Sawani



Valeria Sainz- UTeach Dallas Graduate Returns to DISD Junior High Alma Mater and Makes a Difference!



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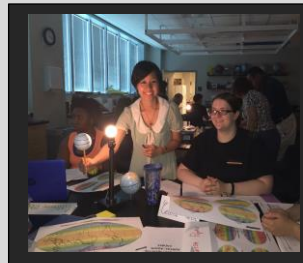


Valeria graduated from UT Dallas in fall 2015. She accepted a math teaching position in spring 2016 at her junior high alma mater T.J. Rusk Middle School in Dallas ISD to teach Algebra 1 to 8th grade students. Often coming into a class mid-year can be a challenge for most teachers. The need to quickly make a connection with students as well as supporting students academically can be an overwhelming task. Also, teaching a STAAR tested subject and the requirements it takes to be sure students are ready for the exam can only add to an educator's stress.

Valeria took on all these challenges with a true commitment for student success. At the end of the year, a very high number of her students passed the Algebra 1 STAAR test due to Valeria's motivation for all her students' to be their best! The passion Valeria demonstrated towards being a true educational leader to all students again shows how

**UTeach Dallas graduates are the
BEST!!**

UTeach Dallas Alumni Never Stop Learning and Sharing!



Cecilia Bentley & Christine Liou at the UTD Science TRC Summer Institute



Lauren Dunn & Kileodora Brahima at the UTD Math TRC Summer Institute



Haley Bilbray - Presented at the PEROT Museum KOSMOS Energy STEM



An Huang & Victoria Wolverton at the UTD Computer Science TRC Summer Institute



Jermaine Cledera, Jasmine Khaleel, Ju Lee and Brittany Medford attended the UTeach Dallas Induction 2016 Blast-Off



Amy Park & Maria Azhar attended the UTeach Dallas Induction 2016 Blast-Off



Julia Pinto, Cecilia Bentley, Isabel Ong, & An Huang attended the UTeach Dallas Induction 2016 Blast-Off

Many Thanks to our Blast-Off Alumni Panel: Catherine Eckert, Robin Foster, Christine Liou & Tanja Smith! Your support to the UTeach Dallas Alumni is much appreciated!

UTeach Dallas Induction Workshop Calendar 2016-2017

August 6: TRC	Blastoff: Classroom Management Strategies Afternoon: Round Robin Technology Sessions
October 1: TRC	Making Sense of Student Work by WestEd.org
November 5: TRC	Science Manipulatives by Katie Donaldson, MAT, UTeach Dallas Master Teacher Math Manipulatives by Bill Gammons, MAT, UTeach Dallas Master Teacher
December 3	Differentiated Instruction Strategies
January 7	Blastoff II: Blastoff: Classroom Management Strategies
February 4: TRC	Cooperative Learning (with TRC)
March	<i>No workshop</i>
April 1: TRC	<i>ELPs, by Katie Donaldson MAT, UTeach Dallas Master Teacher (with TRC)</i>
May 6	End of Year: Share-A-Thon



Wishing All Our
UTeach Dallas Alumni
a
Great Start
of the
2016-2017
School Year!!

It would be great to have pictures of our alumni at their schools for the next newsletter! Also, any fun facts, motivating comments or information about what exciting things you are doing would also be greatly appreciated!!! Remember...Each of you represent what makes UTeach Dallas Great!