

My name is Ana Zavala, and I am a Senior at WCU, graduating in Spring 2022. My major is Spanish Education, and I am also minoring in Youth Empowerment and Urban Studies. I am most excited to start my teaching career to empower students to recognize all they have to offer to their community and the world. After graduating, I look forward to furthering my education and also receiving my certification in ESL. Teaching Spanish and English as a Second Language is vital because language is one of the most powerful tools, we can use to create a world we want for ourselves and others. It is incredible being able to see students connect even when language barriers exist, and I want to be there to guide them along the way in learning and connecting with others.

Every child deserves a champion: an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists they become the best they can possibly be. - Rita Pierson