

# YouthLine



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the team!

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our personal  
lives and goals!

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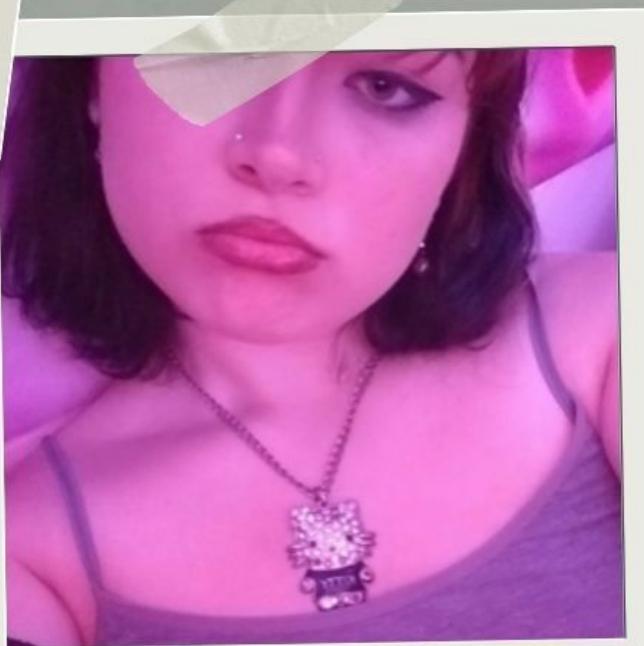
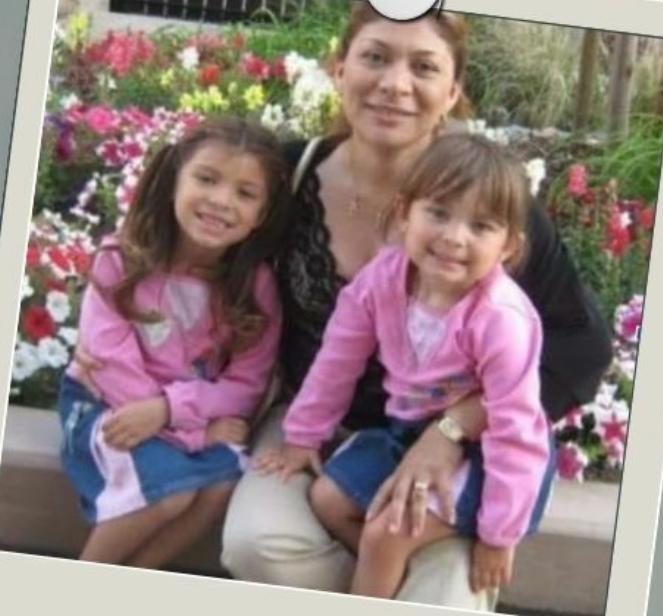
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BEST PARTY



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MY NAME IS NOEMI NATANIA NATALE SOTELO. I AM 16 YEARS OLD AND ATTEND SALA AND BURTON ACADEMIC HIGH SCHOOL IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. BORN AND RAISED IN RENO, NEVADA, I GREW UP MAKING MY BARBIES KISS EACH OTHER AND COLLECTING BULLFROGS IN MY POCKETS. I WAS NOT TOO FOND OF RESPONSIBILITIES PRIORITIZING FRIENDS AND HAVING FUN. I STRUGGLED TO TAKE SCHOOL SERIOUSLY, CAUSING ME TO GET IN TROUBLE OFTEN. MY MOM DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO STRAIGHTEN ME OUT AND WOULD DISCIPLINE ME SEVERELY TO THE POINT WHERE I DIDN'T FEEL SAFE BEING AT HOME.

AFTER GAINING REFUGE FROM A CIVIL WAR IN NICARAGUA, MY MOM BECAME A CHRISTIAN AND CENTERED HER LIFE AROUND IT. SHE RAISED ME WITH THESE BELIEFS, BUT OVER TIME I DECIDED THAT I DIDN'T WANT TO BE RELIGIOUS, WHICH SHE COULDN'T ACCEPT. I WOULD GET LOST IN MOVIES AND DREAMT OF BECOMING A MOVIE DIRECTOR. I WOULD LOOK AT THE WORLD, WONDERING HOW I WOULD FRAME IT. I ALSO TOOK AN INTEREST IN PSYCHOLOGY AND HOW THE MIND WORKS. I WOULD COPE BY PRETENDING MY LIFE WAS A MOVIE I WAS THE MAIN CHARACTER OF AND ANALYZING THE PEOPLE AROUND ME.

OVER TIME, MY RELATIONSHIP WITH MY MOM PLUNDERED, AND I WENT INTO FOSTER CARE. MY DAD DISCOVERED IT THROUGH THE POLICE AND OFFERED TO TAKE ME IN. I DETESTED THE IDEA BECAUSE HE WASN'T PRESENT IN MY LIFE UNTIL THAT POINT, BUT EVENTUALLY, I DECIDED TO COME LIVE WITH HIM HERE IN SAN FRAN. I ENJOY THE CITY MORE THAN I THOUGHT I WOULD. IT'S DIVERSE, EXCITING, AND FULL OF OPPORTUNITIES. WHILE STAYING AT THE HUCKLEBERRY HOUSE THIS SUMMER, I WAS GIVEN AN APPLICATION TO CHALK. THE YOUTHLINE PROGRAM INTERESTED ME BECAUSE I WANTED TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITH CAMERAS AND USE EDITING SOFTWARE.

I'VE HAD MANY STRUGGLES WITH MY MENTAL HEALTH, AND I'VE REGRETTED MANY DECISIONS. DECISIONS I STILL DRIVE, AND I HAVE A CONSTANT BATTLE ABOUT WHAT THE RIGHT THING FOR ME TO DO IS. DESPITE ALL OF THIS, I KNOW I WOULDN'T BE WHERE I AM TODAY WITHOUT THOSE REGRETS, AND I CANNOT CHANGE THE PAST. EVERYDAY I LEARN SOMETHING NEW AND IMPROVE A LITTLE MORE. I AM HOPEFUL THAT MY FUTURE WILL BE BRIGHT.

# Ricksel

My Name Is Ricksel Penullar, and I am a student in SF. Currently, I am studying the human principles of movement, which is the study of Kinesiology. I aspire to be a physical therapist in the future to help somebody who needs help in the future. The Things About me is I like to listen to music and listen to different types of them like Indie, Rock, Alternative and Hip-Hop. Mostly I like to listen to Lo-Fi and relaxing music. My family background is complicated, but I was raised in the Philippines and grew up there and moved to the United States shortly after. Though it has been a long time since I was there, I can faintly remember what life I used to have in my country. I do retain the humid air and the unbearable heat.



## fashion

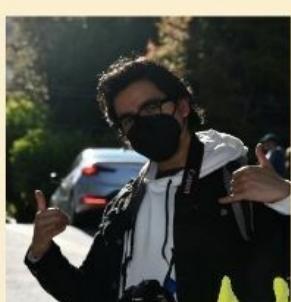
Lorem il did study in the Philippines for a long time. The things we have learned were vague in my head now because of the years that have passed. I was not really a great student back then either since I was heavily distracted. I enrolled due to my personal interest, and I wanted to know what this may bring me in the later future!





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JESSUS  
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MY NAME IS JESUS ARAMBULA, AND I'M 24 YEARS OLD. I WAS BORN IN ENSENADA, BAJA CALIFORNIA, MEXICO AND I HAVE LIVED IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR SEVEN YEARS. I GRADUATED FROM CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO IN 2020 WITH 4 ASSOCIATES AND A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION, AND I AM CURRENTLY ATTENDING SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY MAJORING IN COMPUTER SCIENCE. I SPENT MOST OF MY CHILDHOOD KEEPING THINGS TO MYSELF SINCE I DIDN'T WANT TO BOTHER ANYONE. EVER SINCE I GOT MY PS2 AS A LITTLE KID I'VE BEEN PLAYING GAMES EVERYDAY, AND STARTED LEARNING HOW TO CODE BECAUSE OF IT. I RECENTLY STARTED TAKING CLASSES THAT DON'T EVEN RELATE TO MY MAJOR, LIKE JAPANESE CAUSE I THINK IT'S PRETTY FUN. MY FRIENDS THINK I'M PRETTY COOL, BUT I DON'T REALLY SEE IT.

I HAVE TWO LOVELY CATS WHO LOVE TO ANNOY ME WHEN I'M ASLEEP. I'M NOT TOO FOND OF READING, AND HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE IS USUALLY MORE ENJOYABLE FOR ME. I LIKE TO BE ALONE BECAUSE I THINK AND WORK BETTER THAT WAY, BUT IF YOU WANT ME TO WORK WITH YOU ON A PROJECT, THEN SURE WHAT THE HELL. BEFORE THE PANDEMIC, MY FRIEND AND I USED TO PLAY IN A JAZZ BAND AT A FAMILY BAR EVERY MONTH. WE DIDN'T GET PAID, BUT THE TIPS AREN'T TOO BAD. (ALSO WE HAD FREE BURGERS)

IF I HAD TO PICK A ROLE MODEL IN MY LIFE I WOULD PICK MY DAD, CAUSE HE'S PRETTY BADASS AND HE MADE IT THROUGH HIS CHILDHOOD WITHOUT GOOGLE. MY DAD ALSO GOT INTO THE UNITED STATES, SO I WOULDN'T BE HERE WITHOUT HIM.

WORKING IN YOUTHLINE IMPROVED MY ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY WITH EVERYONE ELSE IN THE OFFICE. WE DO INDEPENDENT WORK BUT WE ALSO HAVE TO COME TOGETHER AND COLLABORATE, BRINGING IN NEW IDEAS TO THE TABLE, AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT MAKES YOUTHLINE WORK SO EFFICIENTLY. WORKING WITH OTHERS ALSO HELPED ME BE MORE OPEN WITH MYSELF AND GAVE ME THE CONFIDENCE TO EXPLORE NEW TOPICS THAT I DIDN'T KNOW I WAS GOING TO GROW A LIKING FOR. OVERALL, MY EXPERIENCE IN YOUTHLINE SO FAR HAS BEEN AMAZING, BEING ABLE TO WORK WITH SO MANY PEOPLE WITH DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS, I LEARN A LOT EVERYDAY FROM THEM AND HOPE TO GET TO KNOW THEM BETTER LATER DOWN THE LINE.

# FASHION RA

Fashion  
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10 Celebrities That Changed  
Fashion Forever

**DISCOVER**  
ALL NEW BRANDS

CHEDDAR



HEY THERE!

MY NAME IS SISMA MENENDEZ. I AM ONE OF THE NEW YOUTHLINE HIRSES FOR 2022-2023. I AM A 17-YEAR-OLD STUDENT ATTENDING LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL WITH THE GOAL OF PURSUING A CAREER IN THE CULINARY INDUSTRY. I AM A DAUGHTER OF 2 MEXICAN IMMIGRANT PARENTS AND AN OLDER SISTER TO 5 YOUNGER SIBLINGS. I WAS BROUGHT TO AMERICA WHEN I WAS BARELY 10 MONTHS OLD AND HAVE BEEN RAISED IN SAN FRANCISCO MY ENTIRE LIFE. HAVING SPANISH AS MY FIRST LANGUAGE WAS COMPLICATED DURING THE FIRST FEW YEARS OF MY LIFE SINCE I COULD NEVER UNDERSTAND WHAT TEACHERS WOULD TELL ME SINCE MY PARENTS ONLY SPOKE SPANISH AND COULDN'T TEACH ME ENGLISH. I SPENT MY PRESCHOOL, KINDERGARTEN, FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD GRADE IN A SCHOOL WHERE I WAS PLACED IN ONLY SPANISH CLASSES WITHOUT THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ENGLISH. IT WASN'T UNTIL 4TH GRADE THAT MY PARENTS DECIDED TO TRANSFER ME TO A SCHOOL WHERE I COULD BE ADDED TO ENGLISH CLASSES. ALTHOUGH IT WAS HARD THE FIRST YEAR, LISTENING TO TEACHERS WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THEM OR SITTING ALONE AT RECESS BECAUSE I COULDN'T SPEAK TO THE KIDS IN MY CLASS, I LEARNED HOW TO SPEAK THE LANGUAGE IN NO TIME. AND NOW THAT I'M BILINGUAL, I LOVE TO LEARN NEW THINGS AND FILL MYSELF WITH NEW KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCES, AND THAT'S WHY I ENDED UP HERE AT YOUTHLINE.

EVER SINCE I WAS 12 YEARS OLD, I HAVE BEEN EASER TO LEARN VALUABLE SKILLS AND LOOK FOR ANY HIDDEN TALENTS. AND WHEN COVID HIT IN 2020, I FOUND THAT I WAS PRETTY GOOD AT COOKING. SINCE THEN, I HAVE STARTED GROWING A SIGNIFICANT INTEREST IN ANYTHING RELATED TO FOOD AND THE CULINARY INDUSTRY. I ASPIRE TO BECOME A CHEF ONE DAY AND PLAN ON PURSUING A CULINARY CAREER AS SOON AS I GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL. I HOPE TO LEARN EVERYTHING ABOUT FOOD AND COOKING, FROM TECHNIQUES, KNIFE SKILLS, FOOD RELATIONSHIPS, FLAVOR VARIETIES, SANITATION, ETC. I WOULD BE WILLING TO SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE DOING WHAT I LOVE, AND COOKING IS WHAT I LOVE. I DIDN'T KNOW SOMETHING COULD INSPIRE SUCH PASSION UNTIL I STARTED LOOKING FOR WAYS TO DISTRACT MYSELF IN THE EARLY MONTHS OF 2020 WHEN ALL WE COULD DO WAS STAY HOME AND FOCUS ON OUR SAFETY. I FOUND COOKING TO BE MY WAY OUT OF REALITY AND THE ACTIVITY THAT BROUGHT MUCH SELF-SATISFACTION AND LOVE. LATER, I LEARNED HOW TO CROCHET AND DO PHOTOGRAPHY, AND NOW THOSE 3 THINGS HAVE BECOME MY FAVORITE HOBBIES AND ACTIVITIES. AND EVEN THOUGH I HAVE FOUND MY PASSION, I STILL HOPE TO FIND AND TRY AS MANY THINGS AS POSSIBLE TO FIGURE OUT MORE ABOUT MYSELF.

# Youth Line

Michelle



### michelle short bio

hi! my name is michelle, and i am a new hire of youthline. i was born and raised in san francisco. but as of recently, i am a homebody and enjoy the leisure of sleeping, drawing, and thinking about blt sandwiches.

as much as sleeping and blt consumption is as fulfilling as living, drawing is a big part of who i am. i say this every time people ask me what i do, whether it is a professional meeting or a casual conversation. creating just about anything on a piece of paper or a blank canvas is an exciting thought. it could be an artwork that inspires others, informs people of your cause, or a project for your enjoyment.

so all this drawing talk is probably making you wonder, do i want to get into a career in illustration? ...i do not have an answer for that yet. i am still determining if i want to make my hobby into an entire career since it is something that makes me feel fulfilled to create what i want. at the same time, i still consider illustration opportunities to determine if it is a right fit for me, even hybrids of connecting fields would be wonderful to try out!

i am in a neutral phase of what i want to do as a professional career, but working with technology is neat. especially learning about how computers function and how computer hardware can be modified. currently, i am studying computer science, and i am also supplementing this by taking online courses that would lead to pursuing other technology certifications, like the comptia series. and now i am here in youthline, learning how to use a camera, design a zine, and make a script for a tv show.

even though i am still determining what career i want to pursue, each day i put into these things leads me closer to an answer. it is a super corny line, but i do not know how else to describe it without making it sound trite. i do not want to rush on my pursuits, but i want to take life one step at a time and slowly build upon my big goals for the future through the little stuff i do today. i appreciate you stopping by!



NEW  
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glossier

GN- こはるいろサンレイ

My name is Yashua; I was born on April 4 in a small town in El Salvador called California in Usulután. I grew up in the company of my sister and my mother, the latter until I was 11 years old to later live with my grandfather and for some time, I have lived in the city of San Francisco for three years. Although to tell you about myself, I would prefer to do it before arriving here.

I spent the first sixteen years of my life in the place where I was born. California is a tiny town surrounded by several mountains and many trees; this makes them very cool in summer and very cold in winter. It is one of those places where life does not present complications, making it as light as a feather. Or, well, at least,

KEEP TICKET OF NO DUPLICATION. Even those famous shooting games where NO DUPLICATION WITHOUT PERMISSION, you begged the universe to win something. And how can we forget

FRANKFURT those long trips to the beach at Easter? Four hours on a highway  
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might sound like a nightmare for many, but it was all worth it when  
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VON: BERLIN | COCONUT WATER, FISH, AND PUPUSAS, ON THE OTHER, I AM NOT GOING TO  
NACH: FRANKFURT | COCONUT WATER, FISH, AND PUPUSAS, ON THE OTHER, I AM NOT GOING TO  
Lie. The food tasted better there. Or well, at least, that is how it

**BOARDING PASS**  
In this place where I learned to love nature and how beautiful the  
simplicity of the colors, green in the leaves, blue in the sky, and the  
brown of the earth can become around you. I carefully  
was from a child's perspective.

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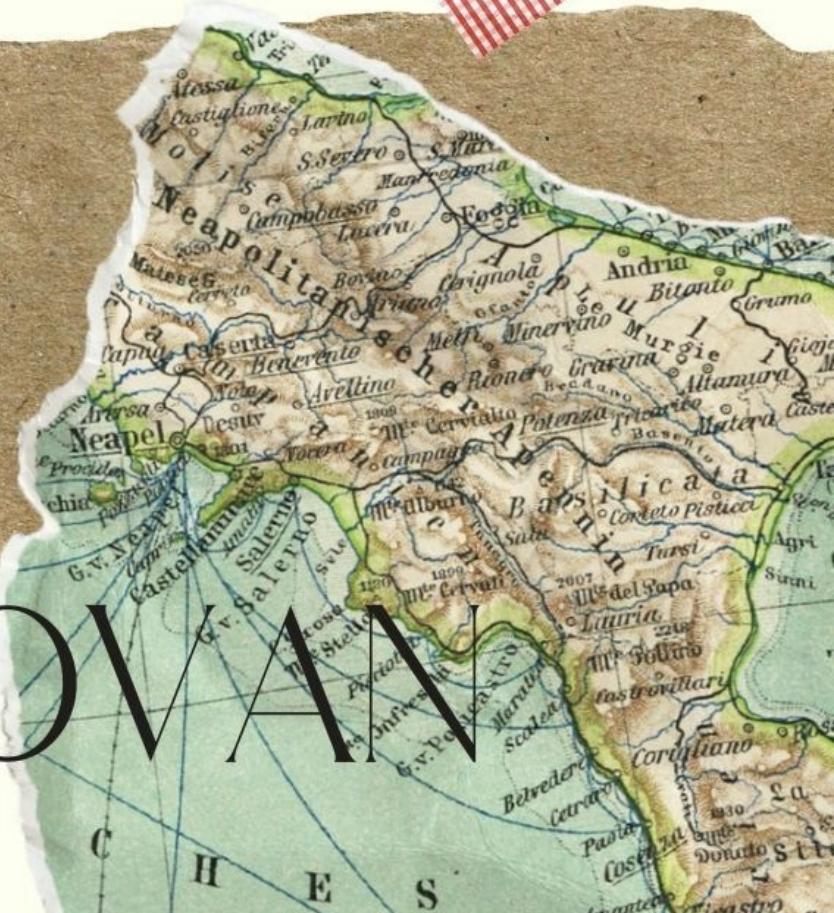
contemplated my surroundings, the birds, and other mountain animals. California is a tiny place. Most people know each other, which is good because solidarity is always present. Being present in the community and coming together for the common good has

always been our village's strength. I grew up with these values and learned them from a young age, and they are the same values that

**Y23** until now, I am happy to have and put into practice.



DONOVAN



Hello, I'm Donovan, an aspiring hobby artist, who graduated from UCSC with a Bachelor's in Art. I have various hobbies, ranging from parkour to kendo, alongside many other recreational hobbies such as airsoft/paintball and tabletop RPG games. Though, the two activities I primarily engross myself in are video games and drawing.

San Francisco was born, and I've lived here nearly my whole life. Though I've been out of the city and country many times, only a few have been long enough to consider myself acclimated to the culture of the respective region. Some of the places I've been to include France, England, China, Canada & Italy regarding international travel. But it's only Japan that I've travelled to more than once, to live there for a short time.

More about my hobbies, namely video games and drawing.

Much like anyone else when it comes to video games, I've likely spent over ten thousand hours playing them throughout my lifetime, and to no surprise, I've yet to tire of them. The narratives and settings they present are often so much more charming than that of television and written novels nowadays. Frankly, I believe televised media has been on a steep decline. But that's beside the point, I just think if I'm going to engross myself in a particular form of media, it'd be something that involves more personal interaction, and video games allow for such an interaction. Furthermore, one may also engross themselves longer in a single video game than in an entire television series or film, open-world action RPGs like Elden Ring are a prime example of such a phenomenon.

As for drawing, it's only been a hobby that I recently picked up. And by "recently" I mean, since middle school or something, but I didn't properly focus on it as much as I do now. If I'm not playing video games, I'm likely hunched over a pen tablet trying to draw out an idea for a character or concept. Though, more likely than not, a character concept for a tabletop RPG. This particular obsession was something that stemmed from a personal stubbornness to use face claims for characters. When it comes to searching for the art of a character that aligns with my interests, often off by a few aspects, so what's my bright idea? Like the big, purple titan once said. "Fine, I'll do it myself." Rather than commissioning a professional artist to draw what I want, I decided to take up the hobby myself, and thus resulted in several days of all-nighters and drawing till the sun came up.

That's me, if you've any questions, chances are, I'm bunkered up in the small room on the second floor of the office.



WE ARE  
**MIGUEL**

Summer/Autumn 2022 collection

MY NAME IS MIGUEL ANGUIANO, I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN PUEBLA, MEXICO AND I CAME TO THE UNITED STATES IN 2015. I AM A MEMBER OF THE CHALK YOUTH LINE. I AM CURRENTLY A JUNIOR IN SF STATE MAJORING IN COMPUTER SCIENCE, AND I GOT AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION IN SKYLINE COLLEGE. MY ACADEMIC GOALS ARE TO GRADUATE FROM SF STATE AND BE REALLY GOOD AT PROGRAMMING. MY BIGGEST PERSONAL GOAL IS TO INVEST MONEY IN REAL ESTATE AND THE STOCK MARKET, AND BECOME A SOFTWARE ENGINEER, AND TO KEEP RUNNING AND IMPROVING MYSELF. MOREOVER, MY FAVORITE FOOD IS PIZZA AND CHILES RELLENOS, AND MY ALL TIME FAVORITE PLACE IS MY GRANDMOTHER'S HOME.



WILLIAM  
CHESTER  
WILLIAMS



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HOLA MI NOMBRE ES MICHAEL VENGO DE ECUADOR Y TENGO 8 MESES AQUI EN LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS ESTUDIO EN SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ESTOY EN GRADO II Y MI META EN ESTE SEMESTRE TERMINAR MIS ESTUDIOS Y CON BUENAS CALIFICACIONES PORQUE QUIERO IR DE VACACIONES A ECUADOR PERO TENGO QUE TENER BUENAS NOTAS PARA QUE MI HERMANA ME LLEVE ME GUSTA HACER EJERCICIOS Y JUGAR FUTBOL Y JUGAR BASKEBOLL ME GUSTA DEMASIADO CORRER Y EN MIS TIEMPOS LIBRES SALGO CON MIS AMIGOS Y MI COMIDA FAVORITA ES SUSHI Y ME GUSTA TOMAR BOBAS.

# Youth Line

Jacquelin



Hello, I am in Youthline and I go to Lowell High School. I was born in El Salvador and I came to San Francisco in 2007 and I was raised here. I come from a hispanic family where I am the oldest sister . My favorite subject is science because I like technology and how it makes everyone's life so much better. One of my goals is to become a software developer and learn how to invent new things that help the community and the economy. My favorite place is any place where they sell sushi, and people I look up to are my parents and my idol, which is myself because of how far I've come through so many struggles.

