



Yesenia Gomez

¡La raza siempre sigue!

Yesenia is not afraid to use her voice, especially when it comes to expressing her love for her parent's native country Oaxaca, Mexico. Although Yesenia was born in the United States, she has a very special place for Mexico in her heart. Born from immigrant parents of indigenous origin, Yesenia is the oldest of three. She knows the responsibility this entails, and is actively involved in their rearing. Yesenia also keeps herself busy in various activities besides G.E.M and is always seeking opportunities to share her culture with others. Yesenia has played various sports in and out of school and has been dancing folklórico for two years. Yesenia also has a very special talent! She is the go-to-girl when the team of G.E.M has special events or presentations. She is a self-taught make-up artist! However, she knows that there will always be room for improvement. Yesenia wishes to attend a beauty school in Australia and dreams of one day opening her own salon. Yesenia will surely persevere to accomplish her dream. Her determination has been evident since she joined G.E.M as a participant in 2015. Yesenia and Celeste attend the same High School and when she showed interest and consistency in the program, Celeste was quick to invite her to join her in running the program.

Early in 2017, Yesenia assumed the role of Volunteer Program Coordinator. She works with the team to make sure every detail is in place. She always makes sure the girls feel important. She joins them in their activities and likes to ask them questions to promote critical thinking. Yesenia fits perfectly with the team and her strong nature is an asset to G.E.M. Yesenia has always empowered the girls around her, and stands true to G.E.M's vision. She hopes to volunteer in Thailand one day, because their culture is similar to Oaxaca's. She is drawn to their traditional dances and colorful clothing. Yesenia is currently working to save money to accomplish her goals!