

HOW IS BEING BILINGUAL A PRIVILEGE?

SOCIEDAD LATINA

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Sociedad Latina was born from a desire for Latino families and youth new to Boston to find connections and communities rooted in Latino culture. Sociedad Latina began to address social determinants of health, help Latino youth find careers in the health field, and build flexible pathways towards higher education and careers. Since then, Sociedad Latina has listened to the youth's voices and does its best to aid with affordable education, civic engagement, work development, and artistic disciplines.

"Sociedad Latina's mission is to create the next generation of Latin@ leaders who are confident, competent, self-sustaining, and proud of their cultural heritage"

I volunteer as a STEAM mentor, my role at Sociedad Latina is to help the youth with any help academically they might need and teach the students the importance of education while empowering them to believe that they are able to achieve any goal.



Bilinguals in America:

20%

Less than 20% of Americans can converse in two or more languages, compared with 56 percent of Europeans.

- As a Latina and native Spanish Speaker, I have worked with the youth to achieve the following:

1. Teach them the importance of being bilingual- being bilingual and multicultural individuals are better equipped not only with language skills but also with vital social skills required to work with people from different backgrounds.
2. Being bilingual could potentially open more doors- when you speak a second language you become more competitive than the monolingual candidates applying for the same job.
3. Can earn you more money- according to salary.com, bilingual jobs pay up to 20% more per hour, even if the job description is the same as the job for a monolingual



While taking advantage of education being bilingual is a privilege to take advantage of, and the importance of your heritage is something to be proud of.

Be a proud Latino!

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