





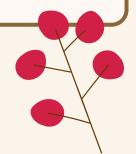
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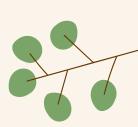














LESLY EDMOND

MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO

LORIO'MARA

Thank you, Mr. Edmond, for getting the Middle School Intramurals up and running, this year, and every year!



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Thank you, Mr. Vergara, for introducing and pushing the "Seal of Civic Readiness!"





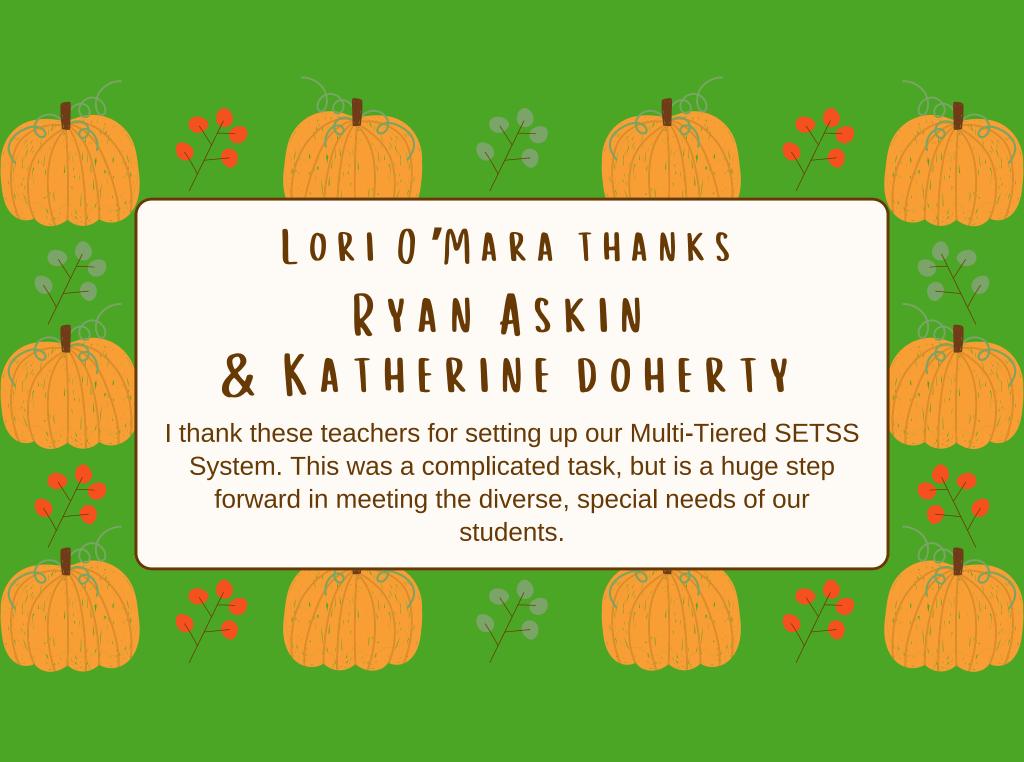


LUCY CARBALLO, ROSANGELA CRUZ,
PATRICK DEVERY, TOM FRANCZKIEWICZ,
KIM JOHNSON, RACHEL KURTZ, JOSE OLIVO,
CHRISTINE VACCARO

Thank you for being our ILT leads, and for pushing this very challenging work with your colleagues!







MICHAEL LEPETIT

MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO

AIDEN BRITO

I've known Mr. Lepetit as both a teacher and a coach since the 6th grade. He's always there to listen, is super-understanding, and cares about me as a person, not just as a student and an athlete.



MARK BURROWES

MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO

SARAH MARINO

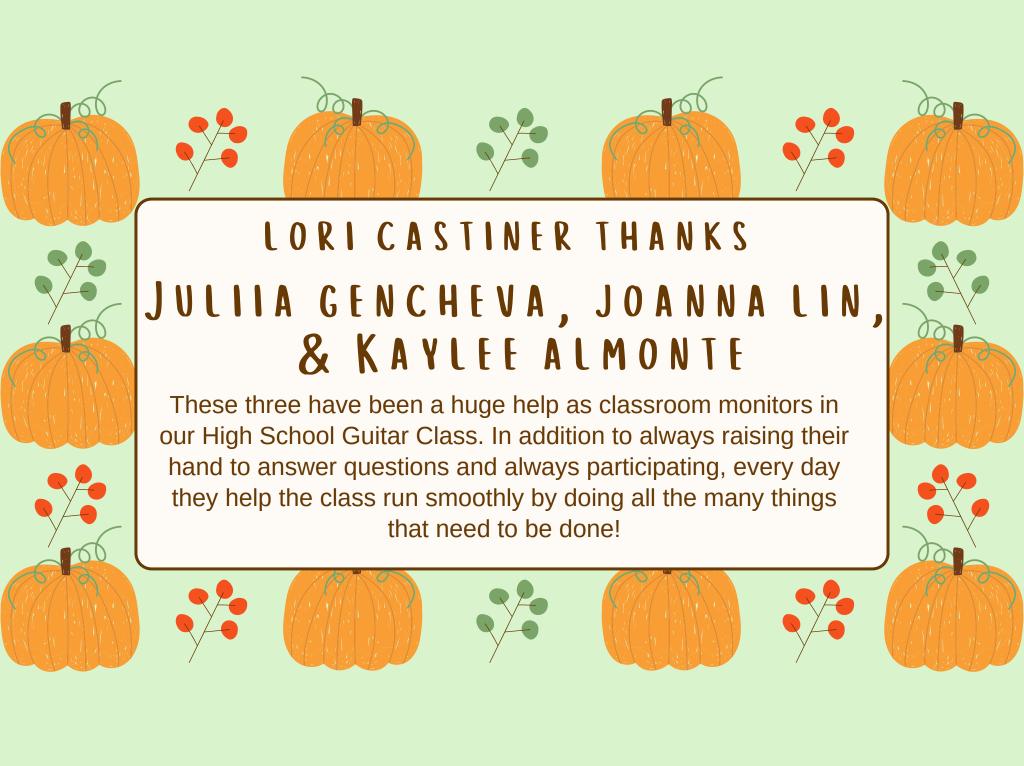
Mr. Burrows has stepped into his new role of middle school Dean seamlessly. He has a great rapport with the students. He has been responsive, supportive, and ALWAYS willing to lend a helping hand. Thank you!

GAVIN MACHIN

MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO

KAEDIN JEMIOLO

Gavin is the first to offer assistance to his classmates. He shows tremendous courage; always advocating for his peers when they need help. He brings a positive vibe to class, and seems to make friends with absolutely everyone. Keep up the great work, Gavin!



JULIENNE KRAUSE

MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO

GIANLUIS RIVA

Thank you, Ms. Krause, for taking time from your lunch break to help us prepare for Regents exams.



NYAFA MCCLOGGAN THANKS

ROB DICANIO

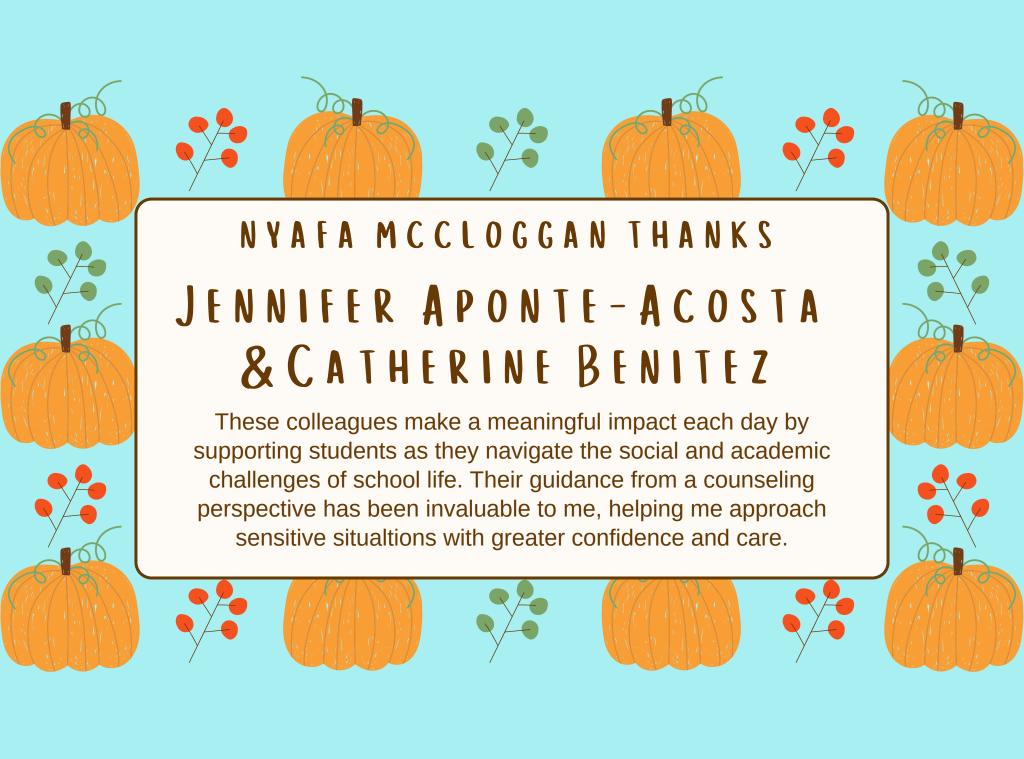
Mr. DiCanio has been instrumental in helping me transition into my new role. As a collaborative partner in the high school Dean department, he consistently steps in to ensure that responsibilities are fulfilled, and that students receive the support they need.

HEATHER TORRES

Heather graciously stepped in to represent the Jewelry-Making Club during Back to School Night, generating a great deal of interest and enthusiasm. Her kindness, initiative, and leadership are valuable assets to both our club and to the school community. Her dedication and poise do not go unnoticed!









ERIC SCHOLZ

MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO

MILEDYS PRADO-ROMERO

Mr. Scholz shares his knowledge, strategies, and best practices with me. He takes time out of his day to listen to me, guide me, and help me problem-solve. I am eternally grateful for his guidance. His love for education and for RKA inspires me in my leadership journey!



NADINE ANDRE THANKS

IVAN MALDONADO

Mr. Maldonado is great at keeping me, and others, on task with parent meetings, academic meetings, and student support meetings, in a firm--yet helpful--way. We really appreciate his organizations skills and his friendly smile!

MADISON ALANA

As a 10th grader, Madison has really stepped up, taking a leadership role in the Key Club. She excels in communication, record-keeping, and building up membership! She is appreciated by me, and by the entire club!



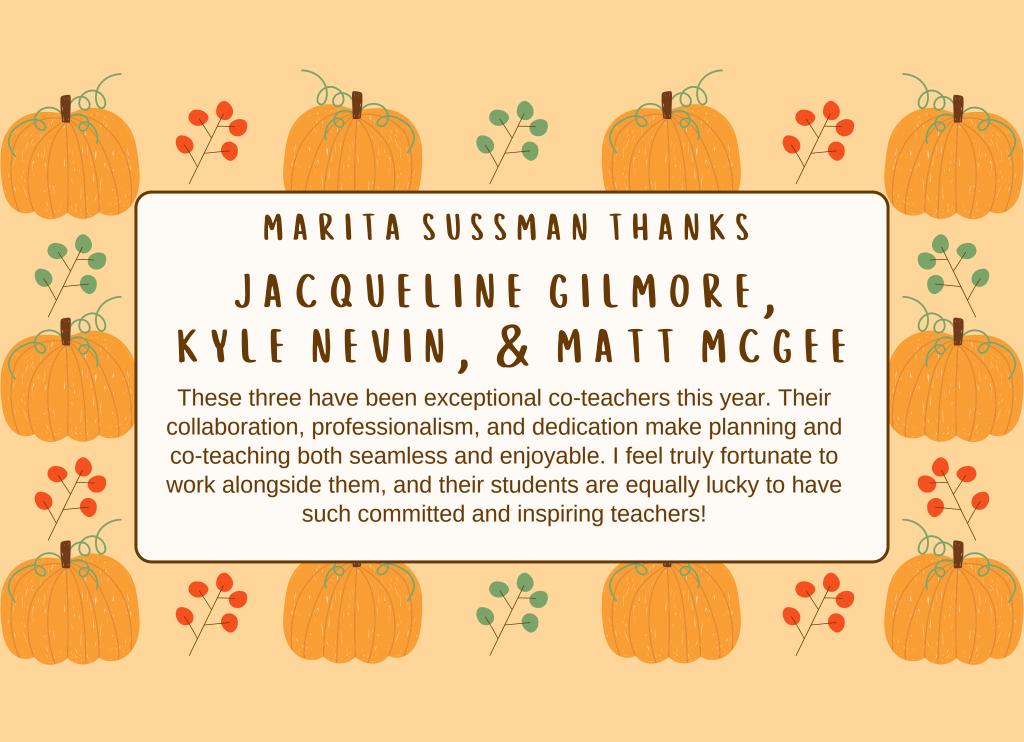


WILL CUSHING

MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO

CARRIE MUHLSTEIN

I thank Coach Cushing for his outstanding leadership of the Boys' Soccer Team. My sons have had a great experience over the past three seasons, largely due to Mr. Cushing and his positive, fair, and values-driven approach. He reinforces the qualities that matter most-respect, teamwork, sportsmanship, and self-reflection. It's clear he genuinely cares about *all* of the players.



ANGELA PAPA

MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO

JULIA LOVING

Thank you, Ms. Papa, for all your hard work making sure everything runs smoothly at school! Your warmth, expertise, and dedication, make such a big difference, and we're lucky to have you--always making sure our tech is on point! You're a real lifesaver!

SARAH MARINO

THANKS

JULIA SEBASTIAN & RICARDA CHIN

After two years on leave, I was nervous coming back to school. These two have made this transition more bearable, and have been there every step of the way. From answering academic questions, to getting me acclimated back into 6th grade life, to being shoulders to lean on, I am forever grateful for their collegiality and their friendship!







MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO

JOSIE FONTANEZ

Ms. Gutierrez shows her best self to support Jayvian and everyone around her. She is a truly genuine person and I am grateful for her presence.





LEILA LOZADA THANKS

KATHERINE GONZALEZ

Ms. Gonzalez has always been one of my favorite teachers; I've had her through most of high school. She's always helped me and I've always been comfortable with her. She wrote one of my recommendation letters for my college applications; I am so deeply appreciative of her.

ARIANA CONCEPCION

Sra. Concepcion is one of my favorite teachers, too--I've had her as a Sophomore and a Junior. She's someone I could always go to for anything. She's provided support when I've struggled. I truly appreciate her, and I miss having her as a teacher this year.





ELIZABETH DESTA

MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO

ROBIN SPIEGEL

Ms. Desta supports the students in my son Tyler's class. she sends reminders to parents about upcoming exams, missing assignments, and she shares great things that go on in the classroom! She is truly a direct link to my child.



VLAD GRULLON THANKS

JENNIFER APONTE-ACOSTA

Ms. Aponte-Acosta has gone above and beyond during the High School application process. She is a good listener, is patient, and is always helping students and parents with their questions and their difficulties.

HANADY SAYED

Ms. Sayed goes the extra mile in accommodating her students' needs, is clear and upfront with parents, and is very responsive. All that, and a great Math teacher!





CAMPBELL FEE

MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO

DARIO FERNANDEZ

Ms. Fee is easily one of the most caring and empathetic teachers I've ever met. The positive impact she's had on my son's mental health and personal growth is incredible, and I'm beyond grateful to her.



MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO

JACQUELINE GILMORE

Ms. E found my debit card--picked it up, and set it aside for me. Saved me a lot of grief!

Thank you very much!

ISABELLA CHINSIO

MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO

LAURA ROBERTS

Isabella took on the monumental role of Secretary General for RKA's RoarMUNC, and worked dozens of extra hours to pull off a successful conference. She helped create spreadsheets, responded to emails, ran the marketing, and communicated daily with student leaders, volunteers, and advisors. She was the glue that held it together and we couldn't have done it without her!

NADINE ANDRE

MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO

ABBEY HOPE

Ms. Andre joined my 11th grade ICT class seamlessly as a co-teacher. We share curriculum and methods input, share the grading, and share concerns over our students. It is a pleasure to work as a team with her!



ABBEY HOPE THANKS

DIEGO SORIANO & NOAH REYNOLDS-RIVERA

These students are frequent contributors to class discussions. They volunteer to read and answer questions every day. Class wouldn't be the same without them.

MAYA SIDLO & EIMY DEL ORBE

These students give frequent, extended, well-thought-out oral responses in class. They certainly add to the depth and expansion of our thinking!





ABBEY HOPE THANKS

NATHANIEL AYALA

Nathaniel has really taken the lead with 3rd period Book Club. The group operates smoothly, effectively, and pleasurably.

OLIVIA IZQUIERDO

Olivia was great in 7th period Book Club, helping make it a successful. collaborative, effort.

BRIANNA SALAZAR

Brianna is an excellent student, always focused. She took a struggling student under her wing to help them. Thank you for your academic generosity!.

KYLE NEVIN

THANKS

LILA LOWE & JAYDEN ELVIR-RESTREPO

These students have been very helpful, working with a student who is just beginning to learn to speak English. They help the student understand what is happening in class, and take the time to make sure the student can complete their work.



MICHELLE HILL THANKS

ANGELA PAPA

KATHRINE GONZALEZ

Ms. Papa always helps me with all my computer problems!

Ms. Gonzalez is always enthusiastic and helps to organize my class.









MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO

TATUM RAMOS

Thanks for being an amazing coach!



MICHELLE BOOTHE THANKS

NICOLE GOMEZ-EDWARDS

Ms. Gomez-Edwards and I co-teach our Algebra classes. She's helped me transition back by offering support in and out of the classroom. We plan our lessons together, and the students rely on us both for help through tough lessons. She writes thorough teacher feedback, and keeps students on the right track every day. This school year has been manageable thanks to her help--I really appreciate her!

CYNTHIA RODRIGUEZ

Ms. Rodriguez is always available to answer any questions I have. She takes the time to explain, and if she doesn't have the answer right away, she makes a point of looking into it and getting back to me. There hasn't been an issue she hasn't been able to address; I cannot thank her enough!





MAGDA GOMEZ

MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO

CHRISTINE WERNER

Working with Ms. Gomez as a co-teacher has been a remarkable experience. She is innovative in her techniques to address students with learning challenges. She is extremely attentive to the needs of all students, and is a wonderful resource for fun and engaging ways to teach. I am delighted to be working with her this year!

KADIRJA JAHJAGA

MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO

STEPHANIE MONTANEZ

Ms. J works diligently to ensure her student achieves his goals. She is dependable and selfless. Her quiet, humble, and responsible nature should serve as a reminder to all on how to fill your position in the school, and in the community.

VIVIAN MORALES

MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO

JACQUELINE GILMORE

Vivian is always the first student in the classroom. She always looks out for her peers and tries to be helpful. She enthusiastically volunteers to help distribute and collect the laptops.



CYNTHIA RODRIGUEZ THANKS

TATIANA APONTE-MUNOZ

From keeping the supply room clutter-free and stacked to organizing the record room, Tatiana always works with a smile. Thank you for your eye for detail and willingness to see the big picture in the middle of the chaos.

TAJ MASON

Thank you, Taj! You were a great Election Day help!
Thanks for all your help in getting the record room clutter-free. It looks great!





AIMEE DAWSON

MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO

JULIANNA MARTINEZ

Ms. Dawson is Aiden's favorite teacher; she's cool!



PATRICK DEVERY THANKS

JOHANSEL HIRUJO

On days we use laptops from the cart, Johansel has taken on the task of returning them all at the end of class, showing leadership and responsibility. He takes great care—putting each one back correctly. He has never once complained, and I cannot over—emphasize how much this helps me.

MIKE NEWMAN

Mr. Newman is not a new teacher, but he is new to RKA. He has been a team player from Day One. He's always eager to help his colleagues, especially me! It is not easy to adjust to a new environment, but Mr. Newman has been a great addition to RKA!

RICARDA CHIN

MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO

SUEZETTE ENCARNACION

Ms. Chin, I am grateful for having your class write heartfelt messages and saluting me in recognition of Veteran's Day. Thank you for cultivating gratitude and compassion in our learners. It gave me a reason to smile. You truly Make a Difference!

JULIANA MARTINI

MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO

ISA MEDINA

Thank you, Ms. Martini, for the care and support you've shown while covering my class during my current absence. You are professional, patient, and have a genuine focus on the students. Thanks also to the World Languages department, for your support and assistance to Ms. Martini, helping to ensure a smooth and positive experience for all.



HAYDEN RUVOLO THANKS

COREY BERLOW

Mr. Berlow is a kind and funny teacher. He goes above and beyond to help his students, and makes us laugh with his funny jokes. He inspired me to research and write about Greek Mythology. He also checked in with my when my grandpa was in the hospital to make sure I was ok.

SARAH MARINO

Ms. Marino has inspired me to persevere in Math. She makes it fun, and goes out of her way to help me and to boost my confidence.







STEPHANIE PURDY THANKS

IVAN MALDONADO

Thank you so much for helping with the school dances and coordinating the decorations.

ANALISE ORTEGA

Thank you for helping me design and put up the Canva posters--for the teams, and for the school!







MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO

NICOLE GOMEZ-EDWARDS

Mr. Franczkiewicz is a patient, kind, and wonderful co-teacher, and I appreciate him very much. Thanks, Tom!

MARTHA GORDIAN

MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO

SOFIA MEMOS

Martha's steadfast positive attitude and upbeat energy is always a beacon of light!

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MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO

IVAN MALDONADO

Ms. Memos demonstrates a welcoming attitude, and a warm, positive, demeanor. She goes above and beyond, willing to assist not only me, but others, as well.



MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO

KARLA POLANCO

Mr. Patel is such a great teacher! He really makes a difference!

DANIELLE SUSSAN

MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO

MARQUISE HOWARD

Ms. Sussan has turned Biology into one of my favorite subjects by consistently going above and beyond to help us fully grasp the material before sending us out on our own--this makes her a remarkable teacher AND person!



MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO

JAIDEN VALENZUELA

George is a loyal friend who defended me when I needed it.

KATHERINE GONZALEZ

MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO

OUMOU BAH

Ms. Gonzalez has made a difference to me by making learning enjoyable and believing in my abilities. She has helped me gain confidence in my schoolwork. I appreciate her ability to be there for her students no matter what. Thank you for all your help!



MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO

ANISAH GAMBLE & JAYSLIN SANTOS

Marquise has helped a lot of people, and he always gives good advice.



JULIIA GENCHEVA THANKS

COLE BENACK

Mr. Benack is a great teacher and always available to help me with my Math assignments for both school and also some extracurriculars.

CHRISTINE VACCARO

Ms. Vaccaro is a very interesting teacher, both for ELA and Debate Club. She always checks up on me.

BIVAS SARKER

Mr. Sarker is very interesting and makes funny jokes in Chemistry class. Chemistry is tough, and he does his best to explain everything to us well!





JOHANNA MARTINEZ THANKS

AIDEN & AARON DAVILA

Aidan is just crushing the school year! Aaron is mastering the art of being an amazing athlete and student!

ANNA ELIAKOSTAS THANKS

GEORGE & IRENE PERSELIS

I am very proud of you both! Keep being amazing!

DEARA RODRIGUEZ THANKS

JIOVANNI PEREZ

Jiovanni always lends a helping had to those around him.







MICHAEL TEJEDA THANKS

KAREM SALEH

Karem is a great and helpful person.

NICHOLAS REYES

Nicholas has helped me and helped others through a lot.





JOEL JEREZ THANKS

NELLY DE LOS SANTOS

I am a person who forgets many things, and Nelly always reminds me to do my homework and when I have an exam coming up!

DAVIAN HERNANDEZ THANKS

AKSHAY SEETARAM

Akshay is a very nice and understanding person who gives great advice!







OUMOU BAH THANKS

FATIMA DOUMBAYA

Fatima has been my friend for seven years and she has never let me down.

ADRIAN GUZMAN THANKS

MADISON ALANA

Madison is funny and fun-- like a sibling to me!

NICHOLA VUKTILAJ THANKS

AKSHAY SEETARAM

Akshay has helped me during hard times, always helping me get the assistance I need.





DANIEL LORA THANKS

RICHARD KIM

Richard is a great guy, and so easy to talk to. He is an amazing friend!

ADRIAN GUZMAN THANKS

MADISON ALANA

Madison is funny and fun--like a sibling to me!





MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO

MIA RUIZ & SHAYLIN IRIZARRY

Brightens up even the toughest of days. We always look forward to seeing each other!