

Our staff person of the month is Mrs. Susana Alvarez, an excellent foreign language and ESL teacher. She has all of the virtues of a good teacher; caring, knowledgeable, honest, and our student appreciate her work ethic and commitment in the classroom.

She finds it very hard to brag about herself., but this is what she wrote about herself: “I am proud to have been a Newark resident and product of the Bilingual Department at Roberto Clemente Elementary School in North Newark. I graduated from William Paterson University in 1999 where I double majored in the Spanish Language and Elementary Education. I began my teaching career in September of 1999 at Burnet Middle School in Union, NJ where I taught for 18 years. I went back to school in 2015 and received my Bilingual and ESL certification from the American College of Education which allowed me to fulfill my dream of becoming an ESL teacher at East Side High School in September of 2017.

My teaching philosophy is "students do not care how much you know, until they know how much you care". This quote describes Mrs. Alvarez. She is so caring and kind and always with a smile on her face. We are grateful to have such a distinguished professional amongst us. So, congratulations to Mrs. Susana Alvarez for being selected our staff person of the month. Thank you for all you do for our students and making East Side a better place.