

Rolling through her teaching career and getting recognized for her work



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Second year English teacher, Ms. Alexis Rangel felt a sense of appreciation when she was told she was teacher of the month.

She prides herself in helping her students in every way possible, especially during these trying times.

When it was announced that she was teacher of the month, Ms. Rangel was shocked but grateful. She believes that every staff member works just as hard for the students and their classes.

“I was happy that they recognized what I was doing in my classroom,” said Rangel.

She had expressed her struggle with the little connection her students had with her, admitting that the most difficult part of virtual teaching was the lack of interaction. However, she did not let those thoughts stop her, and plans to adjust to these unexpected situations as well as her new students.

“I think every year it changes, because you have different students every year,” she said, “So you have to kind of think on your feet.”

She started off as an intern, temporarily hired as a long term substitute, then hired as a teacher just two weeks before Covid hit. After a year of teaching virtually, Ms. Rangel felt prepared to start the new school year in person.

“I didn’t find it difficult, in fact I felt it really rewarding coming back into the classroom and actually interacting with my kids,” said Ms. Rangel.

Despite her first year of teaching being online, she was able to overcome the hardships of virtual teaching and continue her career in person. Ms. Rangel hopes to make a comfortable learning environment for her current and future students.