

# ABOUT ME

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Janayra has been teaching at Boston Green Academy for 12 years and has been with Boston Public Schools for 16 years. She has been awarded two Pat Cooke Fellowships and one Fund for Teachers Fellowship that has allowed her to bring back her learning to her Spanish classroom. She runs the Service Learning Program at Boston Green Academy which has taken students pre-pandemic to different Spanish-speaking countries such as Dominican Republic, Spain, Guatemala, and Puerto Rico to complete environmental community service work. Students have partnered with the Charles River Watershed Association to better understand the restoration efforts and learned firsthand how a river in the Dominican Republic is using the same techniques. To date, she teaches about Ecotourism throughout Latin America, Mayan Stoves in Guatemala, and Upcycling in South America, Spain, and the Philippines. She hopes to gain knowledge about textile weaving among Mayan women and its impact in the community to get a better understanding of the sustainable practices within the Mayan community to incorporate it into the World Languages Curriculum.