

Hello Flama families!

My name is Simone

I am 23 years old and grew up in Miami, FL. Throughout my life, I have experienced a variety of educational settings: a dual-language elementary school, homeschooling, an arts charter school, a community college, and most recently Yale University

(where I graduated with a B.A. in Sociology and Education). These experiences led me to become passionate about providing high-quality education to students of all backgrounds.

On a personal note, I am Brazilian-American and Portuguese is my first language. I have a big family and grew up taking care of my younger cousins. My hobbies include reading, singing, and visual arts. I am also a competitive jump roper and have ranked top 10 in both national and international competitions.

I just finished my third week at La Flama and I am happy to be here! Everybody has been so welcoming. There are so many new smiling faces and I look forward to getting to know everybody better.

It has been interesting to see the ways in which La Flama differs from my own primary school experience in the U.S. Back in Miami, I attended an elementary school that placed a lot of pressure on young kids to do well in standardized tests. When my mom saw the amount of stress I held at such a young age, she chose to homeschool my brother and I so we could enjoy our childhood. But here at La Flama, I see a school that truly values the childhood experience. Teachers are kind and nurturing, and the children are allowed to have fun and be themselves. What a wonderful environment to teach in!

