Alumni Highlight: Camille Colgan

Camille Colgan graduated from NYU with her Master’s Degree in Teaching Secondary Education. She noted that her graduate study received funding including a living stipend and housing! She says, “It was a wonderful program and I am happy to report that all [the] McNair training really paid off because I graduated with a 4.0 and wonderful recommendations!”

Currently, Ms. Colgan is living in Guatemala for a year and teaching at an international school. This was an opportunity she learned about from a professor at NYU; the networking really made a difference. While in Guatemala, she will also be working on her research.

In the region of Lake Atitlán, in the town of Panajachel, Colgan works as a “middle school specialist.” In this role, she teaches both the science and history classes for the 7th and 8th graders. The school where Colgan works is a bilingual college prep school aimed at getting students from Panajachel to a university without a language barrier. Colgan says, “I am currently using the plethora of techniques I learned during my time at NYU for English Language Learner instruction as well as differentiation to meet all students needs in the classroom, as there are a wide range of cultural, behavioral and academic needs.”

Camille has applied to the PhD program in Urban Education at CUNY and hopes to hear back from them within the next couple months. If admitted, she will receive full funding to continue her studies.

This is me and some of the girls in my class. Most of whom speak three languages.

Due to how beautiful it is in Panajachel we get to work outside in the sun during group work.

As a school we try to empower students so when a group of them wanted to use our spot in the Independence Day parade through town as a platform to participate in the national protest of corruption in the government we let them.