

Distinguished Graduate

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Vanessa Esquivel

EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES

“There is always light, if only we’re brave enough to see it. If only we’re brave enough to be it.”

-Amanda Gorman

Vanessa Esquivel was born in Los Angeles, California and raised in San Antonio, Texas. She is a devoted wife and fur mom to her one-eyed cat. For as long as she can remember, she has always loved going to school.

With her love for school and learning, she knew one day she would be a teacher. Vanessa spent many years doing many different jobs after graduating high school but was always drawn to the classroom. One day, she took a chance and applied at a childcare center near her home (with absolutely NO experience) and found her true passion!

She believes there is no better sight than a child smiling while they are learning. Through this job, many opportunities opened up for her including being awarded a scholarship through T.E.A.C.H to earn her associate degree in Early Childhood Studies. Vanessa is a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success as well as Phi Theta Kappa Beta Nu at San Antonio College.

She hopes to transfer to Tarleton State University to earn her bachelor’s degree and to continue her studies in the field she loves most.