

*Future Teachers Club  
In Collaboration With  
Department of Teacher Education*

*Presents  
Resilient Class of 2020  
Yearbook*



*"It takes a big heart to shape little minds!"*



"OUR FINAL CHAPTER"

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SEASON: 20 EPISODE: 20

MEET YOUR  
SUPPORTERS

*Advisors*

MENTORS

PROFESSORS



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Dear Graduates of the Future Teachers' Club:

I would like to congratulate you on completing your program requirements and earning your degrees. The graduates of this academic year such as you do not only meet their program requirements but also have overcome additional challenges imposed by the pandemic. Switching in the middle of the term to distance learning and remote working in order to contain the spread of COVID 19 was a unique challenge for you and your instructors and mentors. In this challenging situation, you adapted, as you would in a classroom environment, to complete successfully the Spring 2020 term.

Your perseverance, strength, commitment and dedication to overcome the unanticipated COVID 19 challenges are skills that you will call upon and use in your chosen education field. The challenges you overcame made you better and more prepared for your work in educating and teaching your future students. Your choice of profession is a sacred one as you are called to disseminate knowledge but also to shape minds and ways of thinking and behavior.

I am confident that with your training, knowledge and skills you will become successful and accomplished educators.

Congratulations.

Sincerely,

**Panayiotis Meleties, Ph.D.**

Provost & Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs

Dear Graduates,

It is with great pride and satisfaction that I congratulate you on your completion of your teacher preparation at York College. I know, and the faculty knows, how hard you have worked to accomplish this monumental goal, especially this semester. You have shown your resilience, flexibility, and your determination to succeed. We are in unprecedented times and the challenges we faced this semester could have been devastating and detrimental to your careers. Yet, you persevered, persisted, and you continued on, and you would not accept anything less than complete success!

The faculty of the Department of Teacher Education are so proud of you and we applaud the great efforts that you have demonstrated, not only this semester but every semester that you have been part of our department family. I know the road has not been easy, but it shouldn't have been! Because teaching is a career and a profession that is so important and is so delicate in how it impacts the future, that it is not an easy road to achieve success. We touch the future, and you will touch the future for many years to come. There is no other profession that takes a child of six or seven years old and prepares them for their future, that teaches them the skills and knowledge that they will need to face the challenges of their times. YOU are the future and your experiences in this program, and during this semester, have prepared you to be that guide, that mentor, that loving hand, that will steer generations to come in the right direction.

I hope that this experience has been as rewarding for you as it has been for all of us. As an educator, never forget that you are a force for good. You will not regret your choice of career. Every day will be a rewarding experience. When you see the light in a child's eye, you will know how important and how monumental your choice of career has been.

Good luck and keep in touch and come back and visit us when we are able to be together in person again. I wish you health, happiness, and a satisfying and gratifying career.

With my sincerest good regards, I wish you clear skies, and say to all of you "Godspeed"!

**Dr. Gerena**



Dear 2019-2020 grads:

Yasssssssss you did it!!! I had no doubt that you would get to this part of your journey, despite the many emotional meltdowns, tablespoons of tears, rolling eyes ..... allowing me to be your counselor..... Covid19 – what??? Hell no, this guy is not going to stop this teacher candidate. You proved Covid19 wrong – you persevered and depicted high level of resilience as you adapted to all obstacles thrown your way. This is clearly, the disposition that is conducive of an educator.

I will miss each one of you, but wish you all the best as you take the step towards your career path. I believe in you as a student and I believe in you a teacher. Remember, your students will depend on you to provide not only academics but also emotional support. There will be times when you may have to put aside your best planned lesson because of your students’ “other” needs. Do not view this as a “failed” day but as part of your professional success.

You will touch many learners’ lives which means you will impact many families so be sure to always invest in self-care so you can be at your best at all times. Keep in mind that there are many elements that affect a child’s development. Don’t ever think “one size fits all”. Be a reflective practitioner so that your tomorrow will be better than today. Remember I am only an email or phone call away if you ever need someone to listen. I wish you all the best in your career and academic endeavor. Make sure to let me know when you achieve your doctorate!

Yours Truly

**Prof Misir**



Congratulations to the class of 2020. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors! Always remember you can do anything you put your mind to and do not let anyone tell you otherwise.

**Professor Cooper**



Congratulations to all the graduates!  
This semester you have learned a great deal about several important qualities of effective teachers- determination, flexibility, and perseverance! You have accomplished so much in your time at York College. We are so proud of you and will be here for you as you move forward in your careers. At the end of every teaching day, reflect on one student whom you supported and whose life was improved because YOU were in the classroom. Let that fuel your soul!

All the best to you all,

**Dr. Leslie Keiler**





A Message from the Future Teachers  
Club Officers .....



Congratulations class of 2020 !! I know this was not an easy journey, but you guys persevered and made it! I think each and every one of you will be phenomenal educators. It was a pleasure creating a collaborative community with many of you. I would like to thank Guielsiarha & Charmaine for being amazing mentors. We've created a bond through FTC that will surely continue to grow as you guys begin your new chapters in life. Good luck to everyone on your new journeys ahead!

**Rohini Itwaru**

Future Teachers Club President



To this year's graduates,  
congratulations!!

Truly, no words could fully express how excited I am for each one of you. I am beyond blessed to have gotten to know some of you as friends, and have gotten to share remarkable experiences with you. As your new journey begins, I wish each one of you all the best and success. May you inspire the beautiful souls in your future classrooms, just as you inspire me to work hard and achieve my dreams. Above all, may you cherish every moment and memory you make on this new chapter of your lives.

With appreciation,

**Michael Lungu**

Future Teacher Club Vice President



Congratulations to class of 2020!  
All your hard work and dedication has finally paid off. I was able to make amazing friends with some of you and it was truly a blessing to know that we were not alone through this process because we had each other and will always! After the experiences you've gained throughout your educational journey, you all will make amazing teachers. I can't wait to see and hear about some of your experiences! I wish you all happiness and success moving forward!

**Jayna Dwarika**

Future Teachers Club Treasurer





*Future Teachers Club Presents*  
*Graduating Class of 2020*

# Gruëlsiarha Zephür

( Former President of FTC )



During my time at York, I've had the opportunity to grow into a reflective teacher. I've never met the most incredible future teachers who gave me the motivation and support I needed over the 4 years. I've also been blessed with an amazing professor/mentor/mom Professor Misir. Without her I don't know where I would be in terms of degree. This department has given me stress, tears but most importantly skills and strategies that I will be bringing into my classroom fall of 2020.

# Charmaine Symister

(Former Vice President of FTC)

With the mixture of pleasure and pain, this was the journey that taught me what it truly means to have grit. I'm extremely grateful for my support system of family, friends/classmates, and Professor Misir. My Journey in the Teacher Education Department at York College has been bittersweet and unforgettable!



# Breanna Kowlassar

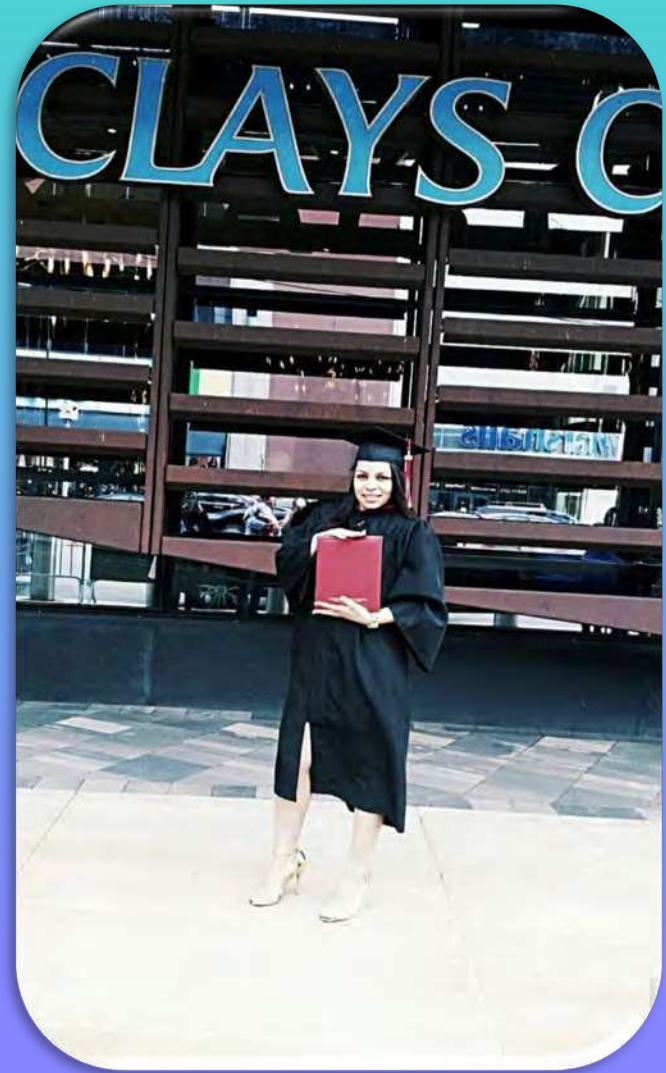


The education program as well as Professor Misir has worked incredibly hard to offer me guidance and has prepared me for a career as a teacher. FTC has given me the opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals and I was able to make amazing friends as we supported each other throughout this process!



# Paloma Mendez

My most sincere thanks to the Education Department, Professor Misir, and all professors who are an essential part of the Education program for always be there to offer guidance and strong support that allowed me to achieve my dream of being a teacher. I feel capable of offer my skills and enthusiasm to my futures students and society.



# Jennifer Resal



The Education Program and Professor Misir helped mold me into the confident future educator I am today. During my journey in the education program I've gained great knowledge and friends.

# Jammié Valdez

The Education Program and Professor Misir have impacted me throughout my whole journey in becoming a teacher by pushing me to do better and allowing me to see a professional side as a teacher I didn't know I had. Thanks to their help and encouragement I know I am ready to become the teacher I pursue to be in order to impact students life, just like the professors and faculty have done for me.



# Ali Isa



The education department was so beneficial and also played a major role getting me to where I want to be as a student. The education department felt like a family and I was always welcomed inside whenever I needed help with anything or I just wanted to stop by. NYC Mens Teach also played a crucial role and am thankful I was able to be apart of a great group lead by Mr.France and Mr.Crosby.

# Marlita Eley

The Education Program and Professor Misir has helped me discipline myself professional and encouraged me to work hard and push through to the end. I believe I am very well prepared in my educational content area and I will continue to strive for great success!



# Cynthia Guerrero

*Cynthia Guerrero*

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No olvides mis enseñanzas, hijo mío; guarda en tu memoria mis mandamientos, y tendrás una vida larga y llena de felicidad. (Proverbios 3: 1-2)

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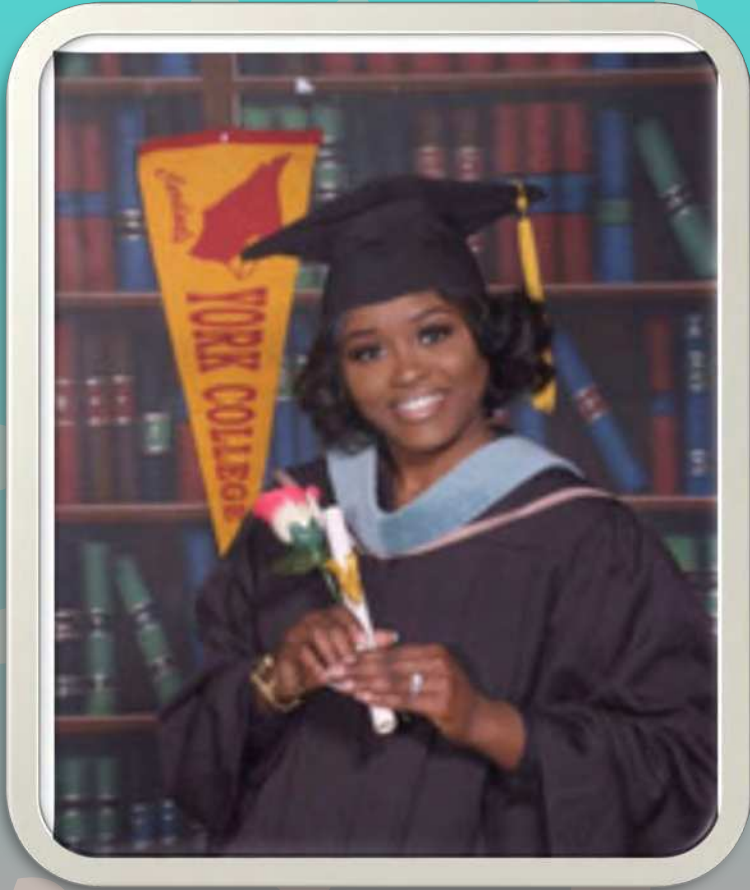
This program has equipped me really well to teach the leaders of tomorrow. I am very thankful to have had amazing Spanish and education teachers who were all very supportive and fun to work with. I thank God and each of them for helping me achieve this goal.

# Kevìn Rodríguez

The Education Program and Professor Misir helped me to stay focused while achieving my own academic goals. I believe that I'm confident and enthusiastic to educate students in my own content area and I will continue to work hard to make myself proud.



# Reyna Echols



The Education Department has been a supportive team with getting me to the finish line. I am so appreciative of all the EDU staff and colleagues. I hope to maintain such a team for all my future endeavors.



# Abdel Rüzük

This journey has not been one that we completed alone. The education program has been beside us to guide us and support us. Whenever we had doubts or fears the doors to Professor Misir was always open. In addition, if we needed help getting something Mrs. Simmons helped us get what we needed. I felt that all that I had to do was apply myself and trust in the program and I knew that I would be steered correctly.



# Estefanía Peraltaayala

The education program helped me become a confident and prepare teacher. Professor Misir inspired me to continue my journey as a teacher by sharing her story of how she decided to continue her education.



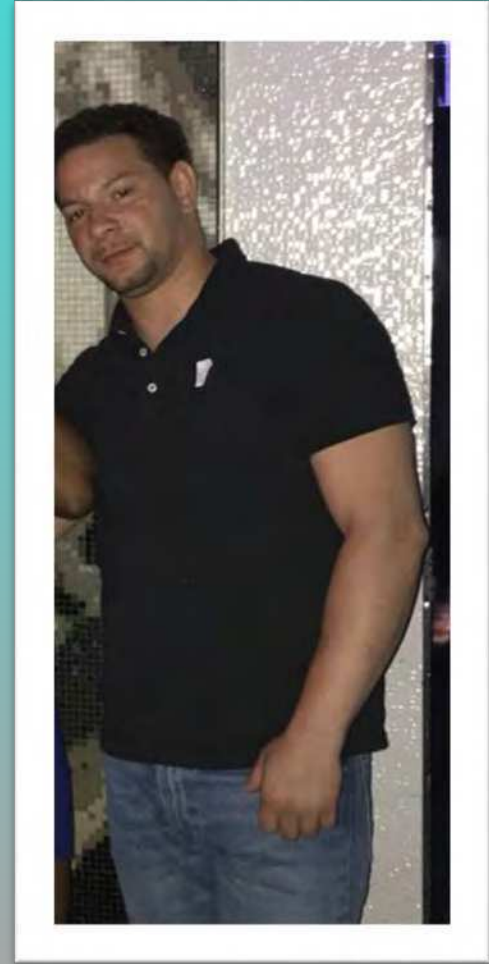
# Valeria Ruiz

The Education Program and Professor Misir have provided a foundation for me to become an educator. Professor Misir has made herself available whenever I needed any assistance, which only facilitated my journey while becoming a future mathematics teacher.



# Marc Texidor

The Physical Education and the Education programs here at York have prepared me so well academically that I feel positive heading into my new career path. I would like to thank my parents, friends and the staff at York for getting me through what has been a long but exciting journey.



# Karuna Astudillo Javier

The education program has made me laugh and cry. It has prepared me to become a persistent educator. I don't regret the decision I've made and will forever be grateful for this amazing experience.



# María Núñez



The department of education in York College has prepared me to be a confident and skilled teacher. I thank everyone who has inspired and motivated me to be a better educator. I believe that without your support and encouragement, I wouldn't be able to be where I am today. Thank you for everything.

# Rocío Clara



My journey in the Teacher Education Department at York College has helped me achieve my goal and prepared me to become a successful bilingual teacher. The opportunity I was granted here at York to apply for the Bilingual Pupil Services Program gave me the hands-on experience that can only be learned inside a classroom.

# Adil Manji

Professor Misir impacted my journey to becoming a teacher by knocking sense into me during education 280. I switched my priorities around to where the education program and my learning career came first and I never looked back. From that point on everything went smooth sailing. The support from all the education professors and physical education professors adds up to this moment, graduating. I am ready to take on the next chapter in my life which is further education and eventually teaching.

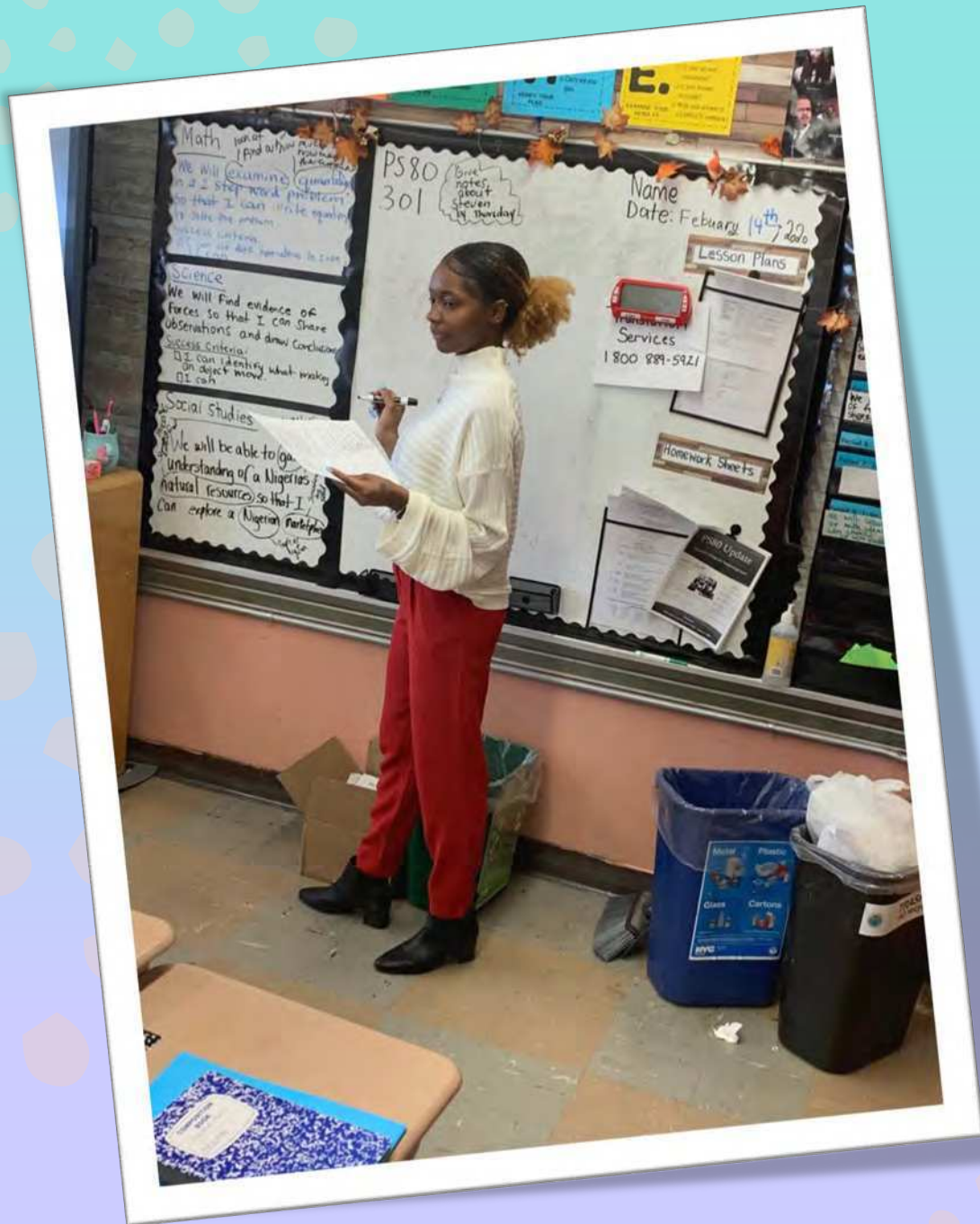






*Memories....*





Math  
I will examine a 2-step word problem so that I can write an equation to solve the problem.

Science  
We will find evidence of forces so that I can share observations and draw conclusions.  
Success Criteria:  
I can identify what makes an object move.

Social Studies  
We will be able to gain understanding of a Nigeria's natural resources so that I can explore a Nigerian marketplace.

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Great notes about Steven by Thursday

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: February 14th 2020

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Transition Services  
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Homework Sheets

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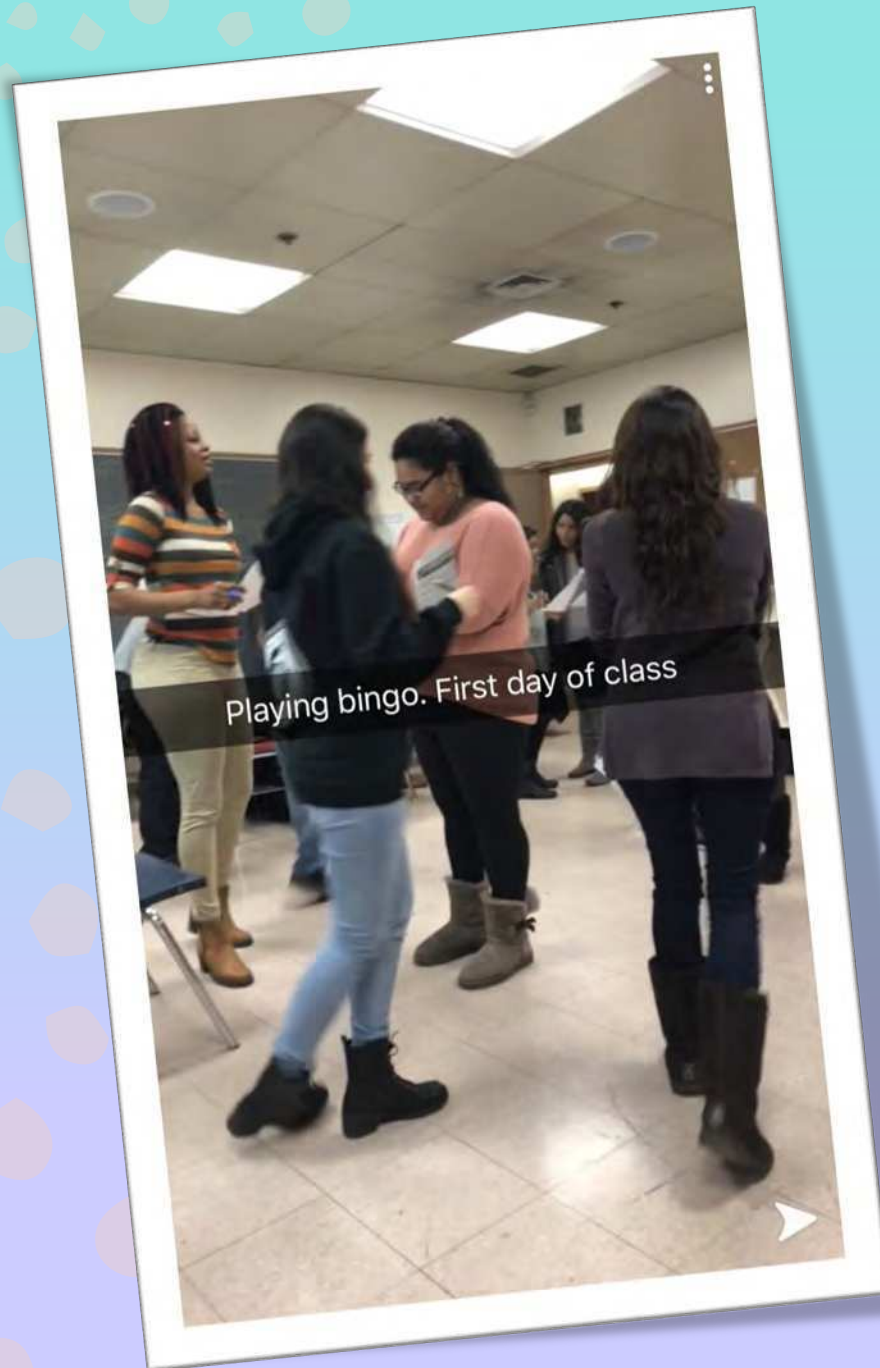












Playing bingo. First day of class















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THE ONE WHERE WE WERE  
QUARANTINED

Class of  
**2020**



*Congratulations!*

