



Community ESL Teaching Assistants

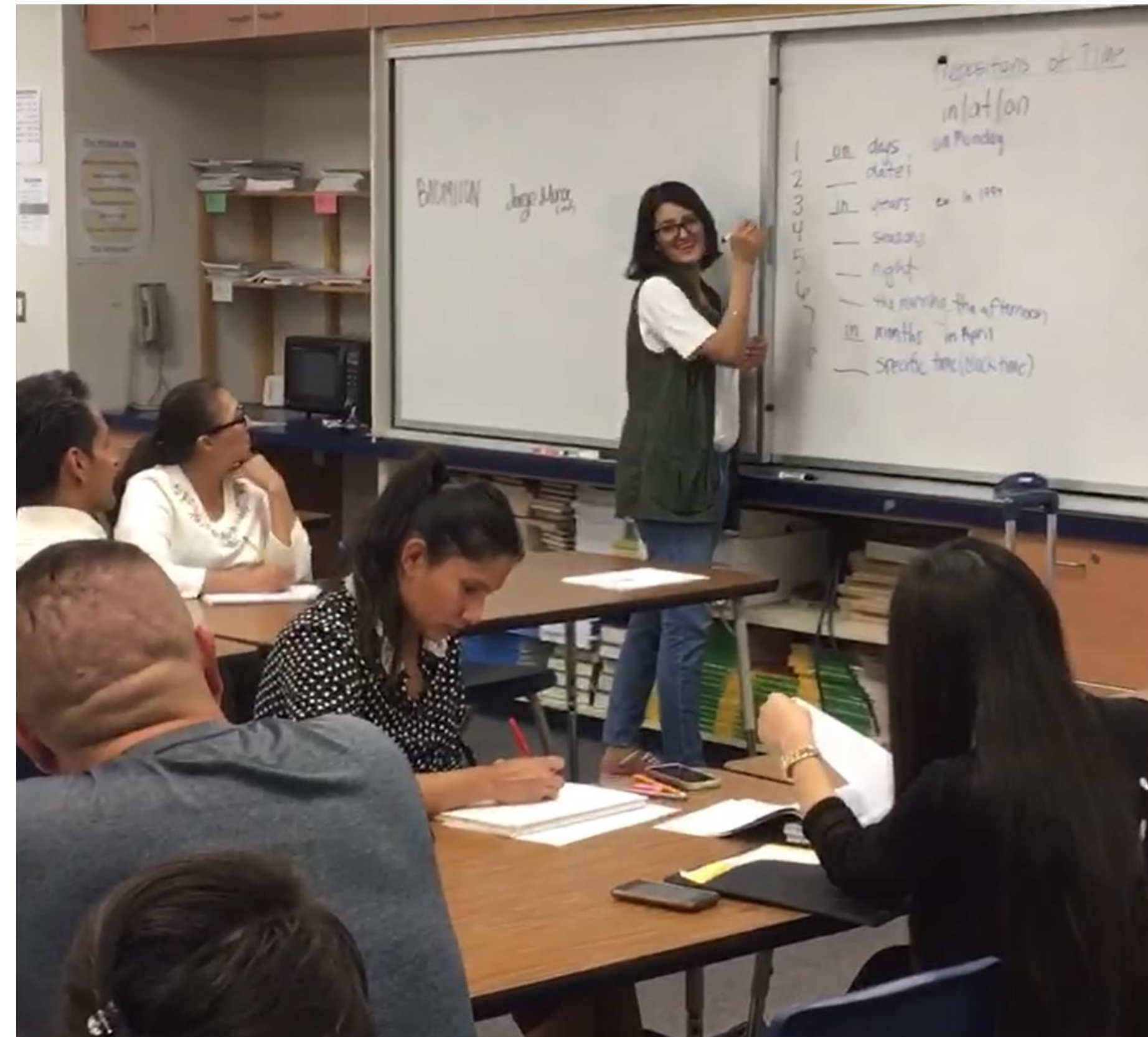
Project Development & Implementation

- Memorandum of Understanding between school district & university administrators
- Fresno State student volunteer applications
- Volunteer fingerprinting process with school district office
- Coordination of volunteer placement
- Celebration/fundraiser to build community awareness
- Film posted on social media
- Press release on university webpage

Mission

By combining the efforts of Adult School teachers & CSUF TESL students, Fresno Adult School ESL students develop English language skills to independently navigate through society.

- University TESL students get experience by working hands-on.
- Adult School ESL students receive more level-specific attention.
- With the class broken into smaller groups, Adult School ESL teachers are able to manage their responsibilities more effectively.



Fresno State volunteer gives a lesson in Adult School ESL class



Students also practice literacy skills

Impact on the Community

- 14 volunteers getting hands-on experience
- Volunteers serve 2 to 6 hours per week in class
- 10 locations across the city
- More than 25 students per class
- Recently arrived refugee group
- Over 250 ESL students affected

Testimonial

“I met a young man taking ESL classes because his goal was to attend Fresno State. When I told him that growing up I was an ESL student, he got really excited and began asking me all kinds of questions about college. I can tell that he was motivated to continue attending class, and I realized that our job as volunteers can have a greater impact than [just] helping with the material in the classroom. It feels good helping others through their journey, and it doesn’t hurt that I am getting valuable work experience as well!”

- Marielena Linares, CSUF Linguistics student