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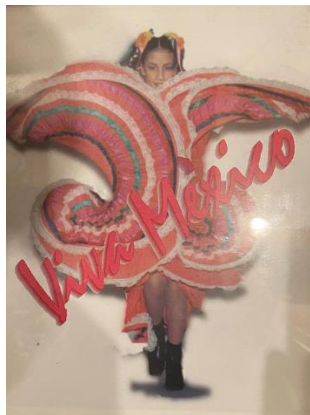
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**Why is Hispanic Heritage Month (HHM) important to you?**

Hispanic Heritage month is important to me because it gives us the opportunity to shine a light on important Hispanic names that made big discoveries and achievements but because of their heritage, they usually aren't recognized or widely known. It is during HHM that we get the opportunity to celebrate them and inspire future generations.

**What would you like our RNDC family to know about you? Briefly tell us your story – personal and/or professional?**



I am a proud Mexican American, born and raised in Texas. Spanish is my first language and my parents made sure that I never stop using it. It was also important to them that I always remember my roots, and they made it a priority to teach me the beautiful culture of Mexico, as I was growing up in the U.S. Adapting to both worlds was challenging when I was a younger, but thankfully it gets easier the older I get, such as learning English, or understanding sarcasm as humor. My favorite thing to do is to dance and Ballet Folkorico is one of my favorites.

It holds a beautiful place in my heart as my mother taught me how to dance and we both teach Ballet Folkorico in elementary schools and private lessons for quinceaneras (sweet 15 birthday parties). I also enjoy spending time with my sister and nephew.



**Why is having the VIDA Associate Resource Group important and why did you volunteer to be one of the group leaders?**

It is important to me because we get to discuss and celebrate the diversity that we have within our Hispanic culture. We can educate and embrace our differences to have a better tomorrow. I enjoy being part of a group that encourages me, supports cultural perspectives, and helps to continuously motivate me to pursue my career goals and dreams for the future.