

Hispanic Heritage Month



My name is Ivonne Esquilin, I was born and raised in Rochester, NY. My father is a retiree from Kodak (I truly love Rochester and its weather). Although I was not born in Puerto Rico, Puerto Rico races through my veins. Yo soy Boricua pa' tu lo sepas! My parents are from Bayamon & Ciales Puerto Rico. The island is so beautiful and truly has lived up to its name of being the Pearl of the Caribbean.

I love to cook (especially our traditional Spanish foods). I love to sing (I sing at church as often as I can) and I love being a wife, a mother, and a grandmother! I started studying at MCC back in 97'. I was only going part-time, but I managed even through many difficult moments in my life to graduate in 2004 with an Associate Degree. However, in 2002, I was given an opportunity to work as a seasonal clerk for the Financial Aid office.

After graduating, the very next day I told the director of Financial Aid "I graduated yesterday I want a permanent position Mr. St. Croix", and he did just that! I was offered a Bilingual Clerk III position, which I accepted. I worked there for about 10 years. I then took a position in 2011 at the Admissions office as an Office Clerk II and have been there ever since. MCC has been family to me for over 20 years. I love being an Alumni of MCC!"