

Hartford High School Citizenship Guide Volunteers

Hafsa Abdirizak was born in Somalia and has been in the United States since 2009. She speaks Somali and English. This Hartford High junior feels that becoming a CG would help her “learn more about Citizenship and also to learn from others.”

Kalpana Bharati was born in the country of Bhutan and arrived to the U.S. just this past 2010. She speaks Nepali and English and is a sophomore at Hartford High. When asked why she wanted to be a CG, she replied, “I want to be a Citizenship Guide to gain experience and help the people who don’t know about citizenship. I also want to learn something about myself and to get a better job in the future.”

Joshua Damas was born in the United States to Haitian parents and speaks English and Haitian Creole. When asked why he wants to become a CG, Joshua said “The main reason why I want to be a Citizenship Guide is to help others get the same rights and freedom that I take for granted everyday. Another reason is so I can help people become citizens so they won’t have to worry about becoming deported. Also, I like the fact that I would be changing someone’s life for the better.” In his spare time Joshua enjoys volunteering and swimming for the Hartford High school swim team.

Joseph Francisco was born in Jamaica and speaks English and some Spanish. He wants to be a CG because he “wants to help others become U.S. Citizens.”

Nicaurys Garcia is excited to become a CG because she loves helping her community. She was born in the Dominican Republic and plans to attend college after Hartford High school, where she had perfect attendance last year!

Daniella George was born in the U.S. and speaks English. Her family is from St. Lucia and she is excited to become a CG. This Classical Magnet Junior works as a tutor and is involved in Youth Homelessness activities. Daniella commented, “I want to be a citizenship guide to help people with becoming a U.S. citizen and helping people with the process and knowledge required to become a citizen. I know how hard it is for people who come from a new country and want to have a better life by coming here and I want to help them gain their citizenship.”

Leilo Htoo was born in Thailand and speaks Karen and English. A Hartford High senior, he arrived to the U.S. in 2007 and wants to be a CG because he wants to help people who need it. He also is excited to learn “something from them and they can learn something from me. To be a Citizenship Guide will help me to learn a lot about a lot of things.” In his spare time, Leilo enjoys playing soccer.

Mariengelie Jimenez was born in Puerto Rico to a Dominican mother. She speaks fluent Spanish and often volunteers with Hartford High’s school museum and also enjoys after school activities. Mariengelie wants to be a CG because she is interested in helping others and making this process easier for them.

Ytzel Jiminez was born in the Dominican Republic and is excited to become a CG because she loves helping people. This top student is fluent in Spanish and also loved being a member of the Geography club.

Dajoun Atoni Jones was born in the United States to a Jamaican mother and Bahamian father and speaks English as his first language. This Upward Bound Junior attends Hartford High school and wants to be a CG because “I really like helping people become a citizens and not have to struggle.”

Bu Meh was born in Thailand and speaks Karenni. She is a sophomore at Hartford High and wants to be a CG because she likes living in the U.S. “I don’t have citizenship and I want to believe that I too can become a U.S. citizen.”

Sita Mishra was born in Nepal and speaks both Nepali and English. Sita attends Hartford High school and would like to become a CG so that she can “learn about this country and how people become a citizens and also to gain experiences of the real world.”

Lu Pway Moo was born in Thailand and arrived to the U.S. in 2007. He speaks Karen and English and is a senior at Hartford High. Lu Pway wants to become a CG because he wants to “Know more about the U.S. and help other that need it. It can be much easier for us to be U.S. Citizens when we live in the U.S. or travel.”

Alexander Narvaez was born in San Juan Puerto Rico and speaks fluent Spanish and English. He plays football and basketball and want to be a CG because he “feels it will be a good experience to see what people have to do to become U.S. citizens.”

Melissa Ortiz was born in the United States but her family hails from the Dominican Republic. She attends Hartford High school and speaks fluent English and Spanish. This future psychology major wants to be a CG because “I want to help people get their citizenship. I’m friendly and I like helping people so being a Citizenship Guide is a great way of doing both.”

Yen Min Pai was born in Thailand and arrived in the U.S. in 2007. This Hartford High school senior speaks Karen, Thai and English. Yen Min wants to be a CG because he “wants to help people obtain citizenship.”

Shadelin Pimentel was born in the U.S. to Dominican parents and speaks fluent Spanish and English. This Hartford High student hopes to attend college and major in business. Shadelin is excited to be a part of the CG program because she really “enjoys helping out people with their Citizenship applications.”

Kawdoh Soe was born in Thailand and arrived in the United States in 2007. He speaks Karen and English and is a senior at Hartford High School. When asked of his goals he replied, “I want to know about the Citizenship Guide because I need to learn more about that and help some of the people that don’t know.”

Hazmira Udovic was born in Bosnia and attends Pathways to Technology where she is a senior. Hazmira wants to become a CG because she wants to “help her community especially those with a language barrier.”