

Carol Bejar Orellana



My name is Carol Bejar Orellana. I'm originally from Arequipa, Peru, called the white city for its beautiful architecture based on a volcanic rock, ashlar. I went to high school in the city of Arequipa in a female, religious high school (Colegio Nacional Señoritas Arequipa). I represented the school regionally in a beauty pageant in Arequipa. After graduating high school, I attended college in the University of San Augustin in Arequipa majoring in environmental engineering, but before I would have graduated I had the desire to continue my education in the country of United States of America. So I moved here and learned English at Brigham Young University (BYU). I'm currently a Senior student at Utah Valley University (UVU) majoring in Environmental Science and Business Management. I consider myself as someone who wants to protect the environment and who admires its perfection. I am a person who loves nature. I enjoy hiking, mountain climbing, sleeping under an open sky, and other things along those lines.

I have been working in the chemistry department for almost two years. Currently, I am participating in a research project at UVU GEL Provo-Orem collecting tap water from households. Last year I was part of a UVU team of water quality analysis in the country of Senegal, in Africa. One of my biggest interests as an international student and environmental protector is water quality. According to my experience in my country and as a traveler, I have seen many people around the world who struggle to receive good water quality. There are so many big cities and rural areas in the world where people are not able to acquire water for showering, drinking, or even for watering farms. Therefore, I consider water treatment to be my biggest interest to sum the efforts of many other organizations and charities are doing to help them to cover an important basic need.

I believe that service is a wonderful way to show gratefulness to my community and society. I am currently volunteering as a part-time missionary in the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints. I consider traveling to be a gift because it can enrich my life through the live learning experiences, knowledge, and love that the variety of cultures bring around the world. I also believe in the importance of families and the strong influence that they have in our society.