



**Leo Magallon**  
**Math Teacher**  
**Roosevelt High School**

Leo was born and raised in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles. A child of a single parent household, Leo was raised by his father who always stressed the importance of hard work and helping others in need. Leo's father, an immigrant from Mexico was only able to complete grade school, however, he always encouraged Leo to complete his studies and always strive to achieve all of his goals.

Leo attended Roosevelt high school, and upon graduation attended Occidental College located in the Los Angeles community of Eagle Rock on a full academic scholarship. While in college, Leo was an active member of several student-run organizations and helped organize a variety of educational and cultural campus events. At Occidental, he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Physics with a minor in Education

During his time in college, Leo worked for MWH, a private engineering firm, for 5 years as an intern. He enjoyed the challenges that the workplace provided, but felt a void that was only filled once he ventured into the educational field. During his sophomore year in college, he was offered a job as a tutor at one of the local high schools and was immediately interested in helping underserved, and underrepresented inner-city students, like himself, achieve their academic goals. He also worked for GEAR UP Project High Learning for 4 years as a tutor and a tutoring supervisor for several high schools in the Northeast Los Angeles area.

Upon graduation, Leo returned to Occidental College to earn a Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) in Mathematics and a single-subject credential in Mathematics.

In 2010 Leo was able to earn a position at Roosevelt High School, his alma mater, where he is in the process of completing his first year as a math teacher.

Leo continues making students his top priority. He is an inspiration for his community and volunteers as a speaker for the STEM-Up Initiative, encouraging students to pursue careers in STEM.

