

5 min - Your Backstory

Hi,

I'm Antonio Bautista, go by Tony. I grew up in East LA, and not East of LA. But the actual neighborhood. I was raised by two immigrant parents from Zacatecas, Mexico. Who, taught me 3 mantras; work hard, education key and help those around you. Since the age of 8, I worked in the family business, an Auto Parts Store. I know how to rebuild Starters, Alternators, Heads, Axles, list goes on.... I look back and know for a fact that those skills I learned when I was eight have contribute to my success. My job as a kid was to fix what was not working, take it part, and build a new. Which sparked my sense of wonder and naturally translated to my education. Although being a queer young man in East LA was not easy, it sure focused my attention on academics. I graduated from Garfield HS with High Honors, then went on to graduate from UC Santa Cruz with a degree in Environmental Studies and Economics. Deans Honors. I know develop and manage environmental education programming K-12.

15 min – Your Business/Career

I'm a problem solver, I help schools green their efforts while not only involving students in the process, but allowing students to take leadership roles in those efforts. My typical day, is waking up to emails, coordinating logics, meetings about projects, site visits, and celebrations. I get to see how young people like you, are changing our world.

I learned most of my skills from what I did outside the Classroom – ESLP, SEC, and Chancellors Climate Action Intern.

I grew up knowing that I had power, and I was very loud. That's what I get to do every day, build platforms for young people to have their say.

I have big ideas, not enough money or buying.

Talking people, empowering them, never giving up, doing things on the cheap, allowing for failure, and making failure part of the process.

20 min - Activity that gives the students a glimpse of what it might be like to do your line of work

Using the Eco-School Model, students will select one focus area to green their school and develop the first steps in address that focus area (pathway)

20 min - Q&A

(Allow the students to drive the conversation based on what they heard in the first 40 minutes.)

Giveaways – Magazines, Nature Books for Children (siblings), and 2-3 Larger gifts to be selected based on participation.