

Monica Jara Guerra

Monica Jara Guerra has been in and around soccer literally all of her life. As a child she played soccer in her backyard and with time moved onto a field. Although she could not always play, Monica practiced with her siblings and attended all of their games. As a young adult, Monica was an avid supporter of the Loyola Marymount University soccer program. During this time, she realized her passion for working with youth, assisting them to take full advantage of opportunities to be the best versions of themselves.

Through her professional career, Monica learned the value of volunteers, coordinating over 100 volunteers and facilitating events. Working with elementary through college students provided her the opportunity to support soccer programs through coordination of donations of critical materials to school soccer teams and attending games. Simultaneously, Monica became an avid volunteer for a youth soccer league in southern California supporting competitive and recreational soccer.

Monica began as a volunteer doing various odd jobs, ultimately serving as registrar for a southern California youth soccer league while working with high school athletes to ensure scholarship opportunities. With the completion of a USC doctoral program in May 2018, Monica's passion for working with youth and as a youth advocate has never been greater. In August 2018, her role transitioned from registrar to the Cal South Board Secretary. Monica looks forward to continuing to expand the opportunities for young athletes and the systems that allow for them to have the opportunity to play.