Paola Albino got her start at LNESC Philadelphia as an Upward Bound Math & Science participant in 2015. In the summer of 2016, she also participated as a youth worker in the Work Ready Program. In this capacity, she assisted Out-of-School Time (OST) students by implementing programs, assisting with hands on STEM activities, and accompanying students on field trips.

Soon after, in 2017, Paola graduated from Kensington High School. During this time she applied for, and was awarded, LULAC Council 20009’s first ever scholarship award to help pay for books for her classes at The Community College of Philadelphia (CCP).

In the fall of 2017 while attending CCP, Paola began working for LNESC Philadelphia as a work-study. She assisted several programs by interviewing students for the Upward Bound Math & Science Program, assisting with STEM activities in the OST Program, and serving as a chaperon for field trips.

Paola’s dedication as a work-study earned her the opportunity to join LNESC Philadelphia’s Operations team as an Assistant. In this role, she has assisted the Operations Manager with payroll, purchase requisitions, and data entry.

Recently, Paola took on an additional role as the Ford Driving Dreams Coordinator where she has been conducting class presentations, STEM workshops, and organizing field trips. Paola demonstrated strong leadership skills early on as a participant by enthusiastically taking on new challenges, developing strong skillsets, and rising to the occasion as an accomplished LNESC employee.

“While in the Upward Bound Math and Science program, I had so much help and support with getting ready for my senior year. They took me on college tours, trips, and nanotechnology workshops. In the Philadelphia Youth Network program, I learned how to work in teams with our summer project, and this program helped me gain work experience. When I graduated high school, I went to the Community College of Philadelphia where I applied for work-study. When I was eligible for work-study, LNESC gave me the opportunity to work at the LNESC office and with our OST program. I am glad that I came to work for LNESC since I see it as a way of helping and supporting our youth to be successful.”

– Paola Albino, Ford Driving Dreams Coordinator