

Dear Holmes Middle School Families,

My name is Juan Benavides, and I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new parent liaison at Holmes Middle School, working alongside Alem Oncho. I grew up in Springfield, VA, though I was originally born in Long Island, New York, and my family is from Honduras. My background is quite diverse—I initially pursued a dream of becoming a professional soccer player, which led me to Germany after competing in Division 1 soccer at Radford University. Although my studies were in sport management and I was passionate about staying connected to sports, my experiences abroad inspired me to shift my focus.

I discovered a deep fulfillment in giving back to the community and supporting others who come from similar backgrounds to achieve their dreams. This passion is what brings me to Holmes Middle School. I am excited to work with Alem and all of you to support our students and their families. I look forward to getting to know each of you and working together to make a positive impact on our school community.

If you have any questions or need to get in touch, please feel free to contact me at:

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Warm regards,  
Juan Benavides