

Paz ZUBILLAGA

Moving to Kansas from Spain and being born in Venezuela gives senior Paz Zubillaga unique cultural experiences

WHERE WERE YOU ORIGINALLY FROM BEFORE COMING TO EAST?

I was born in Venezuela but after just a year of living there, I moved to Spain with my mom where I lived in a very small town. My high school only had 400 people. I lived there until my freshman year, when I decided to move to the U.S. where my dad lives.

WHAT IS THE MAIN CULTURAL DIFFERENCE FROM SPAIN TO THE UNITED STATES?

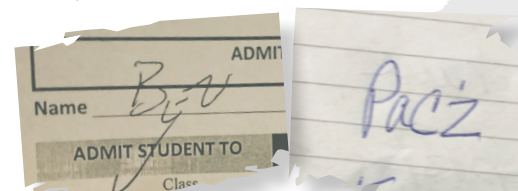
People are not as open about becoming friends with you. In Spain people are a lot more open to meeting new people, but at East it was very difficult because everyone has their own group, until I joined the IB program. I also realized very fast that our school only has [very little] diversity, so it took me a while to get used to people not fully understanding my culture and where I am from.

DO YOU HAVE ANY FUNNY STORIES FROM WHEN YOU FIRST MOVED TO THE U.S.?

The funniest thing to me was watching people trying to spell my name, especially when I received passes to go to the counselor or leave at school. I even have multiple photos of all the crazy ways people have tried to spell it.

CREATIVE SPELLINGS

Photos of times that Paz's name has been misspelled



GLOBAL SNAPSHOTS

Paz's photos from Spain

