

## Meet Our Newest Team Members



Lizette Melendez joined the Science Education Department as the Program Coordinator in January 2016.

As a first generation college student, she attended the University of Washington and received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical Anthropology and Global Health and a Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations.

Prior to joining this team, Lizette had been a part of Seattle Children's for 3 years. She began as an intern in the Marketing and Communications Department then transitioned to the hospital for clinical experience. Her exposure to families, in the

community and clinical settings, sparked her passion for STEM education outreach. As the Program Coordinator, Lizette is responsible for many logistical tasks pertaining to the Science Adventure Lab, Mobile Laboratory Coalition, Career Exploration Field Trips, and STEM Internship. In preparation for field trips and school visits, she communicates with teachers and ensures they receive necessary materials. Her favorite responsibility thus far was assisting in the planning and execution of the Mobile Laboratory Coalition Conference held in Columbus, OH.

Lizette enjoys providing students with resources to succeed in the classroom. She looks forward to promoting the importance of higher education and creating awareness about the wide-variety of career opportunities in the STEM field.

—Lizette Melendez



Corey Coombs joined the Science Education Department as a mobile lab scientist and driver in July, 2016.

He attended the University of

Washington (UW) where he received degrees in Biology and Biochemistry.

During his time at the UW, Corey contributed to research and volunteered at a local high school in the Seattle Public School District. His interests in the STEM field, as well as his desire to teach, led him to the Science Education Department at Seattle Children's Research Institute.

Corey will be responsible for leading classes onboard the Science Adventure Lab and for preparing the materials needed to do experiments.

Corey will also drive the mobile laboratory to schools around Washington State and maintain the vehicle. To be certified for this task, he recently completed truck driving school and received his Commercial Drivers License.

Corey is proud to be a part of Seattle Children's and the community that it serves. He is thrilled about the opportunity to provide resources and assistance to students, which will allow them to discover their own excitement and passion for science.

—Corey Coombs

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<http://www.adventurelab.org/learn/our-team.aspx>