

Jacqueline Contreras

The past should not dictate the future; rather it should be part of the journey to achieving goals and dreams. I am a hardworking, motivated, young Mexican woman with the mind set to attend and graduate from a four year college. I will be the first in my family to attend college. It is a prestigious honor, but also a very stressful situation. To be able to have my younger siblings and relatives see me as a role model is an indescribable feeling. Through my hard work, I hope to inspire and motivate my family to follow and achieve their dreams. Many Latinos, in other parts of the world, are not given the opportunity to receive an education. I do not want to let the opportunities I have slip away because so many other Latinos would give anything to be in my position. Even though I am entering college as undeclared, I know I want to major either in mathematics or science and earn a minor in Spanish. I have had two very inspirational people in my life, my aunt Lilia and my science teacher Mrs. Nava. I admire these women for their determination to achieve their dreams, but also because they have always supported me and taken their time to help ensure my success. My family struggles to pay the monthly bills. Paying for my higher education is, without a doubt, going to be a financial burden. Receiving this scholarship would ease the stress of paying for college. I deserve this scholarship because I have worked vigorously throughout high school and earned excellent grades while maintaining a part time job and giving back to the Catholic community. I am looking forward to venturing off into college and become a productive member of society.