



Daniella Martinez

HOMETOWN:
San Antonio, TX

MAJOR:
Kinesiology

CLASS YEAR:
2028

ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS:
Work- off campus at Whataburger.
Hobbies- Going outside, taking a walk and enjoying the view and sites, creative writing with figurative meaning/language.
Volunteering- Tutoring/ assisting others in school work.

Dear Donor:

I want to thank you for providing additional finances because growing up, my Godparents took me and my two younger siblings in, but they also have their three kids, so finances are targeted to necessities. So when I was awarded this scholarship, I was able to focus on my intended major of attaining a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology while also being on the pre-medical track and participating in organizations on campus to create networks and connections.

During my first year of college, I'm participating in clubs such as Latinx-based organizations, and medical-based shadowing opportunities, also creating new possible friendships, talking to new people, and creating fun and unforgettable memories. I aspire to advocate for people such as those who are part of the Latinx community because I have Mexican heritage and believe I can help widen the impact. While I'm very much academically driven, I do believe that enjoying new experiences in a new environment with new people can be really beneficial to one's success and health.

This generous funding has impacted my life because it revised my fixed mentality that just because I come from a different background than other scholars, I'm still able to have opportunities as long as I'm driven and focused on my end goal.

Overall, I know that I have worked very hard and am determined to see my plan through to make my future a reality. I really do have a great appreciation for the generous donors for providing me with the opportunity to continue my education at an institution like Southwestern University because the finances had really discouraged me from even wanting to attend college. I want to thank you for giving me an experience that will last a lifetime.

Sincerely,

Daniella S. Martinez