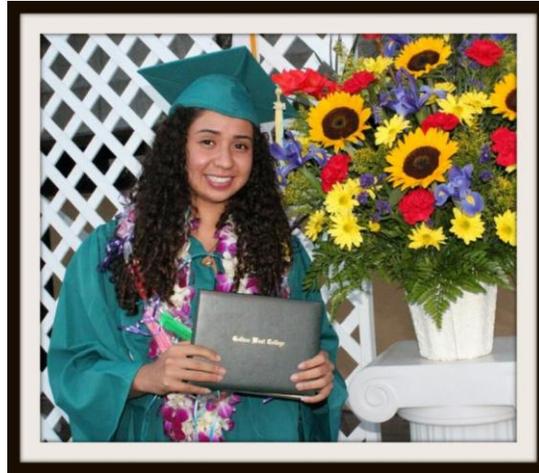


August 17, 2014



Dear Friend,

For every 100 Latino students that attend high school, only 26 will move on to higher education. Of those 26, there are 17 that will enroll in a California community college, but ultimately only one will end up at a 4 year university. Those numbers are staggering and show us that we are swimming against the current, but then a student like Sarahi comes along and it makes us want to swim just a little bit harder.



Sarahi and her family are residents of Orange County Community Housing, and Sarahi is an alumnus of our College Awareness Program. She graduated from Ocean View High School in 2011 with a 4.2 GPA. With her grades she could have easily gone straight to a 4-year university but instead chose to attend Golden West Community College because she would be paying out of pocket and it was the more affordable choice. Sarahi is a Dreamer and the California Dream Act would not go into effect until 2012, after she had already started college.

Working 20-25 hours a week in order to pay for school, along with doing all the work required of a full-time student and volunteering at a local organization would be a heavy load for any student, but Sarahi juggles her responsibilities well. Her parents instilled in her a great work ethic and always emphasized the importance of an education. Whenever she encountered a challenge navigating the educational system she would turn to the resource that had always been there for her no matter how small or large her concern, the College Awareness Program. Sarahi credits her Academic Advisor, Maggie Muñiz with getting her on track with her college classes and would look to Maggie whenever she had a question because Maggie was just a call or a text away while her college counselors were not

Upcoming Events

08.18.14 CAP Volunteers at Thomas House

08.19.14 CAP Volunteers at Thomas House

08.22.14 Career Expo

09.04.14 Testing Services' Open House

09.13.14 CAP Meeting: Successful School Year

09.18.14 OCCHC/SteppingUP Board Meeting

09.20.14 P.A.D.R.E. Conference at Chapman University

10.07.14 OCCHC/SteppingUP Advisory Board Meeting

10.11.14 CAP Career Day

10.28.14 Annual Resident Advisory Committee Meeting

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nearly as attainable.

Sarahi recently completed her general education and will be transferring out of Golden West College and into a 4-year university as a Psychology major. Her hard work is paying off and she is fulfilling her parents vision of what could be possible by immigrating to the United States. If you ask her where she is going to school, she will shyly bow her head and say she is transferring to Cal State Fullerton this fall. And even though she is trying to hide it, you can not help but notice the smile that appears on her face.



Save the Date!

Introducing OCCHC /SteppingUP's
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Testing Services

September 4th, 2014

4:00 PM — 7:00 PM

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