

Why do I want to go to college? I am a first generation Mexican American to go to college on both sides of my family. My parents crossed the border in hopes to raise a family and succeed to live a better life and to get away from all of the wrongdoing in Mexico. My parents didn't want their kids to struggle as they did growing up. Their adolescence didn't consist of playing with Barbies and toy cars; they were obligated to work in the fields of sunny, hot, West Texas, where they'd spend hours in the midst of the day picking and cleaning the fields by hand. My parents have always emphasized the importance of education, and to strive to be the best. I am the result of my parents' hopes and dreams. I take pride in being the oldest of 4 kids, excelling and participating in various activities, setting a positive example for my siblings. I see my mistakes as opportunities for growth, as they provide valuable lessons for my siblings' development. I am a scholar, consisting of Top 10% of my class, Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society, National Honor Society, have my welding certificate, and a Gifted and Talented student. I manage time efficiently to balance Varsity Sports and Showing Goats through 4-H and FFA all across the state of Texas. My parents never got the opportunity to play sports or they didn't necessarily have the money to buy a goat to compete with, so I do it to show respect and gratitude for their sacrifices and support. Frequently, I volunteer my time to food drives, thrift stores, the school district, and lastly the senior living centers. In my free time I love barrel racing and the way my adrenaline builds up while going fast. My interest in barrel racing grew when my father showed my grandfather videos of me riding. I will never forget how bright his face grew when he saw that I was riding horses after all of his got taken away by the Mexican political system. Riding horses also brought my father joy because it brought back a sense of his childhood. Furthermore at just 6 years old, my father taught me how to weld. My father's reassurance and patience are key factors that shaped my character and skills. This early learning experience instilled me in a sense of determination, problem-solving, and the ability to persevere through challenges. This valuable lesson has influenced my growth and development. Going to college and pursuing a higher education will help me gain knowledge and skills that will empower me to make a positive impact in my community and beyond. It will open doors to new opportunities my heritage never got to experience and will allow me to break barriers that may have hindered in previous generations. My parents are my motivation, I am a way of honoring their hopes and dreams and wanting to make them proud. I want to give them a better life and pay them back for everything they've done for me.