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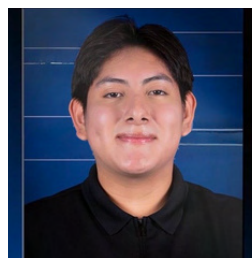
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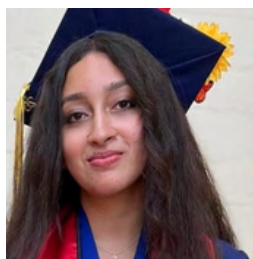
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UC, IRVINE
Biological Sciences



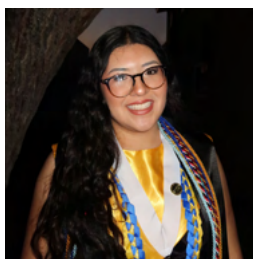
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CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY
Neuroscience



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UC, BERKELEY
Nutrition & Metabolic Biology



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Human Biology



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Sub-Fund Recipients

VANGUARD UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP



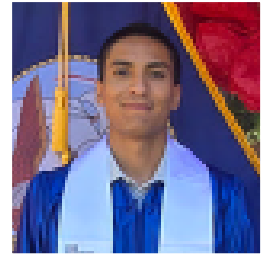
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VANGUARD UNIVERSITY
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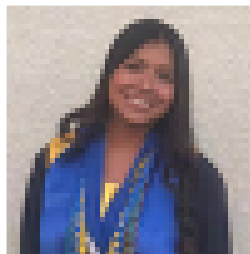
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AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
International Studies

HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOLARSHIP



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ESCOBEDO SOTO**
CAL BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
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ALVARADO SMITH SCHOLARSHIP



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FRANCISCO LOYA**
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MAYTE SANTACRUZ PRE LAW SCHOLARSHIP



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A Message to the Donors

The stories shared by these scholars highlight the direct impact of your support. Because of your generosity, students are enrolling in colleges and universities, stepping into new opportunities, and moving closer to their goals.

Your investment does more than fund tuition. It shows these students that their future is worth backing. It gives them confidence, resources, and a community that believes in them.

On behalf of every scholar represented here, thank you for opening doors and helping to shape the path forward for this generation.



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COACHING STORIES

The following are summaries shared by InsideTrack coach, Emily, about her work with previous HEEF Recipients.

Scholarship: HEEF Scholarship

School: Cal State University – Long Beach

This recipient shared that he was working on raising his grades. He had been working a job in addition to school, but because he is more focused on his long-term goals, he decided to leave that job to concentrate more on school. In a coaching meeting, the recipient and Emily spent some time talking about how he maintains his focus on long-term goals and the importance to him of prioritizing those over the short term.

As he progressed through the Spring term, he worked with Emily on developing and highlighting his strength of self-advocacy. He connected with professors to seek clarity on grades, assignments, and course content. The recipient and Emily connected his self-advocacy to his long-term goals. As the recipient said, “my future is my number one priority”. He finished the year on a strong-note and reflected on his progress while looking ahead to a summer with family while also planning for internships and courses in future summers. He feels positive about his direction and is on track toward his goals.

Scholarship: HEEF: Friends of the University of California, Irvine Scholarship

School: University of California – Irvine

The recipient focused on the topic of burnout in a meeting with Emily this Spring. They talked about how it is normal for students to experience highs and lows in terms of energy and motivation throughout the year. In the recipient’s case, she works really hard and is dedicated to school and her goals. It can be difficult to maintain that level of effort and dedication.

Through her meetings with Emily, the recipient has been able to discuss this openly and create some go-to strategies for navigating the times when burnout can show up. She identified her mother and boyfriend as key support figures she can talk to when she needs a boost. The recipient and Emily also connected the dots between her daily actions and her long term goals. It is helpful for students to be in touch with their “why”. The recipient’s why is a strong desire to serve her community in the future. For students to maintain their motivation through the ups and downs of college, it can be empowering to connect actions to goals. In doing so, the recipient was able to build on her strengths of resilience and self-awareness and increase her confidence that she can persist to reach her goals.

InsideTrack is an organization that provides adaptive, technology-enabled coaching programs to help students develop the skills, mindset, and support needed to improve engagement, retention, and success throughout their educational journey.