RECIPIENT SPOTLIGHT

Vanessa Renteria

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Vanessa is a first-generation college student, and as the oldest of five children, she is naturally an incredible role model to her siblings and others. Her professors and peers also describe her as someone who shows tremendous initiative, answers the call to action, and is an asset to the future of the accounting profession. Currently, she is busy balancing her time between her devoted studies, working hard at her internship, and mentoring other students.

For the past few years, her mother has been in and out of the hospital, unable to work or financially support having four children in college at the same time. This meant Vanessa would be responsible for covering her own tuition and living expenses. In addition, she endured the extra stress of being maxed out on student loans and other hardships related to the pandemic. Sadly, she was questioning if she could even afford to finish college.

Receiving this academic scholarship gave Vanessa the hope and encouragement she desperately needed to overcome her barriers. She, and her family, are truly grateful for this support of her degree and her goal to earn the CPA credential. Inspired by the generosity of donors like you, Vanessa plans to pay it forward someday by providing similar opportunities for future generations of CPAs.

We are proud to support students like Vanessa!