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JANUARY STUDENT HIGHLIGHT



Meet Emily!

This young woman is in the final stages of completing her degree. During her time at university, she has assisted in the University of Costa Rica campus in Limon (Sede del Caribe) Scholarship Office as an intern. She shared that her first source of inspiration is GOD, who helps her get up every day and always shows her different perspectives of life, of seeking change, and of learning and growing. Her family, and their dreams for her, also motivate her in her studies. In a paper she completed for school she shared her motivation comes from the support and encouragement she has received and her strong desire to not disappoint all that believed in her. She does not feel she is unique or special but feels she has been exposed to a diverse group of people which has helped her develop a broad vision of the world.

What were the biggest differences you found between high school and University?

Emily: The biggest differences can be summarized as follows: independence and responsibility, greater academic demands, strict deadlines and schedules, competition and benefits, teamwork (mandatory collaboration) and compliance with all types of regulations.

What is was your favorite thing about classes at the University?

Emily: What I enjoyed the most about classes is the process of analyzing, understanding, and finally arriving at a solution. I always find great satisfaction

in solving problems or cases, as it made me feel that I was really progressing in my learning. The diversity of thoughts or approaches that came from both the professor and the classmates was always surprising.

What were your favorite courses or classes?

Emily: My favorites were the last two undergraduate courses; Intercultural Business Communication and Shopper/Retail Marketing.

Where did you earn your degree and what was your area of study?

Emily: I attended the University of Costa Rica (UCR) Sede del Caribe. My area of study was School of Economics, School of Business Administration, Business Management Career. I first obtained a bachelors degree and later I completed a Licentiate Degree.

Why did you choose this area of study?

Emily: To be honest, at the beginning it was not out of interest but out of necessity and according to the score I received on the university entrance exam. The degree does not focus on a specific area, but it is more general covering many disciplines. Despite this, I do not regret my choice and over time, I acquired a lot of valuable knowledge and ended up deeply appreciating the career.

What are your career goals and do you have a job?

Emily: Currently I do not have a job because I am focused on finishing my degree and thesis. My short-term career goals are to graduate with my degree, gain experience and learn two languages (English and Italian). In the long term I hope to get a job for economic stability and to continue to study another career.

What do you like to do in your free time?

Emily: Watch TV, I enjoy Asian drama series, and anime. I also like to socialize with friends: drinking coffee, karaoke, going to the beach or just talking. I play games on my cell phone, and do word searches and REST!!! Honestly, going to university is not flexible with time and is frustrating, so taking advantage of doing a lot of things in free time helps you cope with stress and makes you an expert at taking advantage of breaks and socializing.

If you could have any super power what would it be and why?

Emily: Definitely the power of INSTANT LEARNING! Acquiring any knowledge in the blink of an eye could make me an expert in any field; such as medicine, community development, historian, aerospace engineer. It would be great to be able to save people, improve lives, and return the generosity others have shared



We continue to celebrate our 2024 graduates and those that promoted. Please pray for Emily and all the students we support and encourage. Your support for the educational outreach of Hearts and Hands for Jesus, as shared by Emily, is a reflection of God's love to her. We thank you for your prayers and support as it breaks generational chains of illiteracy and “Change Lives.”

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What is the impact of your donation on future generations?

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Key points about the impact of a child's education on their offspring:

- Higher Educational Attainment:
- Children of educated parents tend to have higher educational aspirations and are more likely to pursue higher education themselves, leading to better job

opportunities.

- Improved Socioeconomic Status:
- A higher level of education often translates to higher income, allowing parents to provide better living conditions and access to resources for their children.
- Positive Role Modeling:
- Parents with a good education often value learning and actively support their children's academic pursuits, fostering a positive learning environment at home.
- Healthier Outcomes:
- Studies show that children from educated families tend to have better health outcomes due to increased access to healthcare and knowledge about health practices.
- Reduced Poverty Cycles:
- Education can be a powerful tool to break the cycle of poverty by enabling individuals to access better employment opportunities and contribute more meaningfully to society.



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