

Our Students' Stories

Will you support MASBA's 2020 scholarship program? Gifts of all sizes are welcomed to support our students who share some very compelling—even heart-breaking—stories.

"I would love to become the first Hispanic President of the United States." —*Fiorella*

"I imagine being a role model...[for] Hispanic/Latino students interested in STEM fields... because I found it difficult to find a Hispanic role model to look up to." —*Marlem*

"Being diagnosed with kidney cancer is the greatest obstacle I've overcome in my life." —*Ryan*

"I am determined to break the cycle of poverty in my family by becoming an immigration lawyer." —*Arrianna*

"Some of the toughest challenges I've overcome have been leaving my family behind in Mexico and coming to the U.S. to have a better life, and all the struggles that came from coming." —*Nadia*

"I will be an inspiration to a generation that has been told they will not make it, that their dreams are worthless, or that they should settle for less." —*Joshua*

"One of the biggest obstacles for me is the lack of scholarship opportunities there are for me as a Dreamer." —*Sinareth*

"I wish to be a bilingual teacher so that I can teach students the same way that I grew up and be able to give them opportunity to be well educated in two different languages." —*Miriam*

"The greatest obstacle that I went through was facing the hardship of having my father incarcerated and needing to help my single mother raise my five younger siblings." —*Nicholas*

"I hope to study law and... help Hispanic communities that have been traditionally neglected by the judicial system." —*Jeyzha*

"The most difficult obstacles I've had to overcome was being abused mentally and physically to the point of suicide, being bullied for years, and being sexually assaulted at a young age." —*Name Withheld*

"My hope is to one day be credible enough to inspire young women like myself to pursue their dreams in mechanical engineering." —*Adrianna*

"I was able to overcome my family's financial struggles by becoming self-employed at the age of 14." —*Juan*

"My goal is to one day become a successful pharmacist and give back to those living in single parent homes, so they too can fulfill their dreams." —*Samantha*

"My four siblings and I all have different fathers and, because of this, I was never really in a stable home." —*Amanda*

"I want to become a physical therapist because I have struggled with a family problem that happened almost three years ago, that left my sister in a nursing home." —*Emma*

"The greatest obstacles I have ever overcome are the discrimination that I faced in my own household as a result of coming out as gay." —*Reyes*

"When I was eleven, my father suffered a stroke that affected the right side of his body, and since then I have been interested in the brain and how it works." —*Nely*

"The greatest obstacles I have overcome is the trauma from sexual and emotional abuse, as well as prospering in a single-parent household." —*Name Withheld*

"I want to make my community more visible than invisible, to not be afraid to achieve their goals, because we, the Latinos, also have the right to dream." —*Dalicia*

"Last year, I attempted suicide for the second time, and my grades slipped as a result, and my GPA suffered as much as I did." —*Name Withheld*

"I want to create a support system for low-income Hispanic communities, for students to be able to have resources for college." —*Jada*

"I want to become an agent of change in my community." —*Victoria*

We thank you in advance for your consideration of supporting our 2020 MASBA scholarship program!