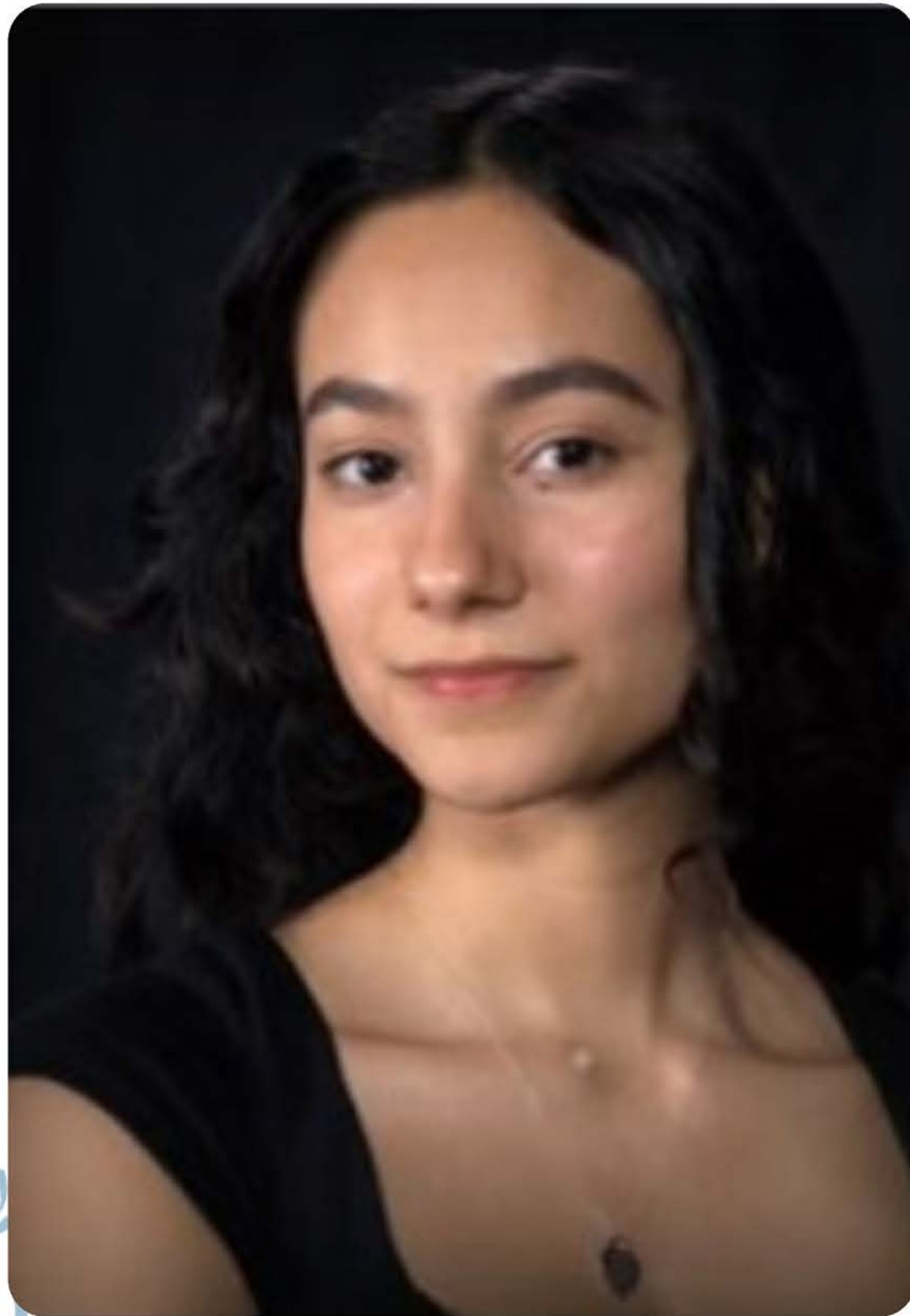


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Kelin Garcia, College of Lake County (Grayslake, IL) Early Childhood Education

“As a first-generation student pursuing a degree in Early Childhood Education at the College of Lake County, I am both honored and excited to be a recipient of the Coalición Latinos Unidos de Lake County Scholarship. This scholarship is helping me finish my associates at CLC and pursue a bachelor's degree with confidence and dedication, knowing that my community believes in my potential. I am deeply thankful for the support of the Coalición, which inspires me to give back to the community that has done so much to support me. I am eager to use this opportunity to educate, serve, and inspire other young Latino students that come into my classroom.”

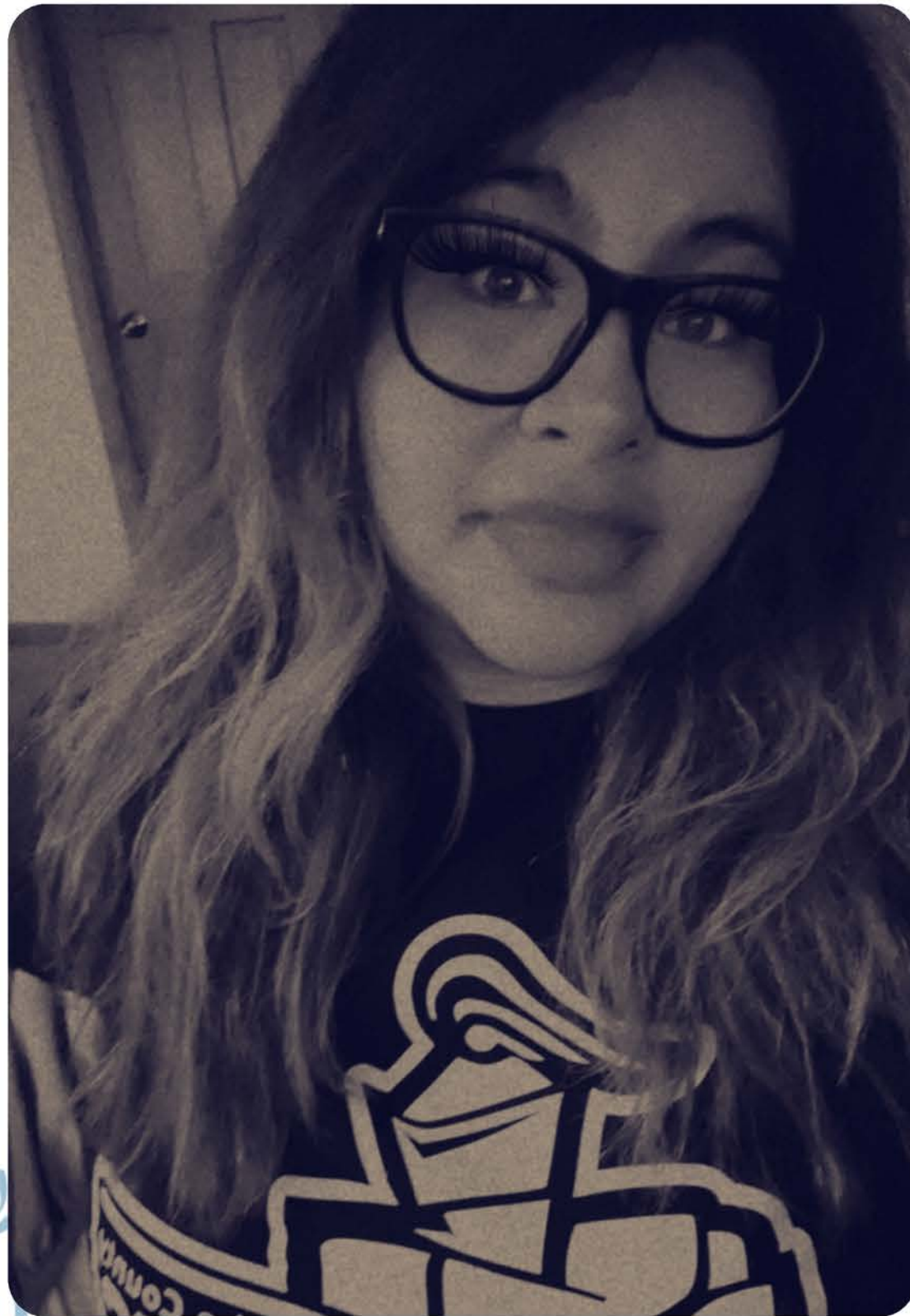
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Jacob Gonzalez, University of Tampa (Tampa, FL) Sport Management with a Business Minor

“I am currently enrolled as a sophomore at the University of Tampa. Because baseball has been a passion of mine since taking my first steps while watching my father play in the Benito Juarez Baseball League, my dream career is to become a general manager of a major league baseball team. I also want to give back to my community by creating a local baseball team/organization in Waukegan which would not only teach baseball skills to our youth but also guide them on their own roads to success by focusing on character education too. I am proud to represent the Coalición Latinos Unidos de Lake County and am grateful for the financial support because another goal is to be able to graduate college debt-free. This scholarship will help me in so many ways so I am honored to be chosen to accept the 2024 scholarship from CLULC.”

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Nancy Areli Pantoja, College of Lake County (Grayslake, IL)
Dentistry

“I am determined and motivated to accomplish my goals, conquer the challenges and obstacles along the way, and succeed in life! ... One of my goals is to become a bilingual dentist and be able to help our community. I want to make a difference in the community by teaching them the basics of oral health. I plan to transfer to Parkside University next year and from there apply to dental school. This scholarship will help me further my professional training and certification to become a dentist. ... I want to thank you for your contribution to my educational and personal development. I am incredibly grateful! Your generous scholarship will allow me to continue my studies and go on to become a dentist, to have a positive impact on lives in the future, just as you have positively impacted mine. Thank you, Coalición! Jeremiah 29:11”

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Leylani Vasquez, Milwaukee School of Engineering (Milwaukee) Engineering

“This fall I will be entering my second year at the Milwaukee School of Engineering. CLULC has given me the opportunity to continue my education another year. I will be the first graduate and engineer in my family! Outside of school, I love to sew new clothing and go for walks. I am also part of the MSOE’s Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) chapter as Community Outreach. As a College of Lake County alumni, I plan to visit the campus and share more about SHPE, such as during Engineering Night. A goal of mine is to start a SHPE chapter at the Waukegan High School to further support the dreams of my community. Being a Latina in academia has been empowering because I am representing my community. Even though I’m a petite, brown eyed Latina from Waukegan, I have a lot I am fighting for. I know I have a story to tell.”

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Lordes Zapata, Iowa State University (Ames, IA) **Epidemiologist**

“My goal is to become an epidemiologist. After graduating, I plan to dedicate my career to helping people by teaching them how to prevent illnesses and finding ways to combat both new and existing viruses and outbreaks. ... My high school years began during the COVID-19 pandemic, when my parents worked hard to manage our resources and focused on keeping both our family and my grandparents safe. ... This experience created my interest in the study of viruses and a commitment to making a difference. My family's history, while not marked by poverty, is rooted in humility and self-education. This way of learning has motivated me to excel and strive to surpass the achievements of the previous generation. My family is unbelievably proud of my progress so far.”

ADDITIONAL 2024-2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT - THANK YOU TO BCU!



Sulma Teruel, College of Lake County (Grayslake) Web Development and Interactive Design

“I am immensely grateful for receiving this scholarship and I assure you that if selected, I will continue to prioritize my academic pursuits and remain actively engaged in the college community. Thank you!”



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Juan Carlos Villarreal de Loera, College of Lake County (Grayslake, IL) Supply Chain Management

“I am an international student from Mexico studying supply chain management at the College of Lake County (CLC). I am passionate about optimizing logistics and helping businesses succeed, and I plan to transfer to a four-year college to continue my education in this field. At CLC, I serve as the president of the Latino Alliance, where I lead initiatives to support Latino students and foster a sense of community. I am honored to have received the Coalición Latinos Unidos de Lake County, which will help me achieve my career goals and continue my efforts to inspire and support others.”



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Stephanie Garcia, Dominican University (River Forest, IL)
Nursing



“Thank you so much for this opportunity. I am overjoyed and enthusiastic to start of this school year with less financial burden. I would love to thank you all for the service you choose to provide to my family and myself. Without your support and recognition I would have be struggling on figuring how I could have paid for part of my tuition.

Future plans: My future plans once I graduate from my four year university is to become a Registered Nurse and start working in a hospital setting. With this career I seek to be a voice for people like my parents who only speak Spanish and have difficulty communicating with others in the United States.

Once again, thank you for this wonderful opportunity!”

ADDITIONAL 2024-25 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT - THANK YOU TO AMERICAN PLACE CASINO!



Eileen Rodriguez, Hope College (Holland, Michigan) **Exercise Science**

“I am so honored to be able to receive the CLULC scholarship for a second year in a row. I am dedicated to be people for others, it is what my high school (Cristo Rey St Martin College prep) taught me. I am currently attending my second year at Hope College in Holland Michigan. Majoring in Exercise Science with a minor in Kinesiology, aspiring to be a chiropractor. In the future, I want to be a mentor to young Latinos in STEM in my community, and continue to inspire them and motivate them to pursue anything they set their mind to. It is an honor to receive this scholarship once again, Thank you!”