What are some challenges you have faced? How did you overcome them?

Commuting from Riverside to Fullerton while trying to find a stable place to live was a challenge. It taught me to never give up hope, to communicate with my professors, and that leaving at 4am would beat the traffic! I also know that I am truly passionate about what I am doing, and having others see my dedication could inspire them.

What advice have you received from faculty that has influenced your success?

The moment my mentor Dr. Mia Sevier told me that “I have it” and she can see me as a future colleague. This moment will be a still frame in my mind and will help me to push towards my goals and ambitions.

How has CSUF prepared you for your future?

Incredible support from students and staff members. Being accepted into the McNair Scholar Program has been a dream come true, and is helping my dreams become a reality.

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Ariana Romero is a senior Human Services major on the Mental Health and Substance Abuse track. She plans to obtain a PH.D. in higher education and create and implement programs for the underrepresented student population. Ariana is involved as a Peer Mentor in the HHD Peer Mentor Program, she is a McNair Scholar, and the treasurer for Substance Abuse And Prevention Student Association (SAAPSA). Ariana’s networking skills have developed due to her involvements on campus. She has connected with faculty and the programs within the College of Health and Human Development that have opened doors she never knew existed.

What are some tips you have for students at CSUF?

Know yourself and know you are worth every bit of effort. Get involved early and don’t be afraid to share your story. Know that you’re not alone in your journey. Find a solid support system. Utilize the resources on campus and take time out for yourself.

“The purpose of life is not to live forever, but to create something that does…”

~Unknown