

I'm Daniela Ruvalcaba and I am sixteen years old. I was born in Hawthorne, but I was raised in Inglewood, California. I am an only child, I do not have any siblings. However, I view some of my friends like my own sisters because we have created unbreakable bonds. My friends and family are important to me. I am grateful for the parents I have because they have provided me with essential necessities throughout life. My parents always motivate me and tell me to try my best at school. I am currently a sophomore at Animo Leadership Charter High School.

Transitioning from middle school to high school was difficult because high school consists of more responsibilities. When I entered high school I had to adapt to the new environment. The middle school I went to has a big campus, but the high school I currently attend is smaller. One of my proud accomplishments in life is obtaining a 4.0 my freshman year of high school. I was able to successfully adapt to Animo Leadership Charter High School and get good grades. I adapted by talking to new people and joining clubs. Some of my hobbies include listening to music, reading, and getting involved in extracurricular activities. I like joining clubs and organizations because it helps me develop skills such as commitment, leadership, and good communication skills. One club I joined this school year is a Baking Club. While I was in a Baking Club, I had the chance to make new friends and create a good connection with people. The Baking Club consisted of baking cakes, cake pops, cupcakes, cookies, etc. Sometimes we would make snacks such as pretzels covered in chocolate for after-school events. One of my favorite memory in the Baking Club is when we baked and decorated a cake for a teacher because it was his birthday. I enjoyed this because he was very happy about his surprised. One skill that I developed when I was in a Baking club is patience. Sometimes when I would decorate a cake, it wouldn't come out the way I wanted. However, I would keep a positive mindset and

think that practice makes perfect. An organization I recently joined is an anti-tobacco campaign. Our goal is to raise awareness about e-cigarettes by creating a video. We are currently planning to host an event at Animo Leadership Charter High School to inform people about the harmful effects of e-cigarettes. This organization has improved my communication skills. Since we have a limited amount of time to film a video, we have to communicate efficiently. Something I always contemplate about is my future goals. After high school I want to attend a four year university. Some of my goals in life is to travel to places I have never been before because I like learning about different cultures. Additionally, I hope to keep joining organizations. I want to join an organization that advocates for people's rights. For instance, when I was doing research on the topic of deportation and due process, I learned that there is an organization called "The National Immigration Law Center". This organization provides supports to immigrants regardless their race or economic status. This made me want to join different types of organization that help fight for humans rights. With that being said, I would love to be given the opportunity to speak upon women's rights.