



IMPACT SCHOLAR GIVES BACK TO HER COMMUNITY

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Daniella's photo above radiates joy, confidence, and optimism. As a member of the soon-to-be graduating Class of 2024 and one of the TD Giving Fund's Impact Scholars, Daniella is happily ready to give back to her community and take on the world!

A Political Science major with a minor in Spanish at UC Riverside, Daniella has set her sights on becoming an immigration attorney. She has prepared herself well for this. Along with her coursework, Daniella works as an intern at the Inland Empire Latino Lawyers Association. Here, she is getting firsthand experience in family law, expungements, and serving the legal needs of low-income populations. Showing her leadership qualities, she is also the co-president of Mujeres Unidas, a Latina empowerment organization on the UCR campus.

Like others in the Class of 2024, Daniella began her college career at home during the pandemic. She describes that year as being particularly difficult as she sequestered herself in her room to study for hours in

isolation while trying to ignore the family activity happening outside her bedroom door. As the oldest of three sisters, Daniella became a remarkable role model of strength and determination for her siblings.

As for a role model of Daniella's? It is U.S. Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez who advocates for the Latinx community in New York City and the nation.

Daniella plans to take a gap year after graduation in June and will apply for a Coro Fellowship, a leadership program that focuses on public policy. She will also study to take the LSAT, apply to law school and become a law student in the fall of 2025.

Daniella says that she will graduate without the family burden of student loan debt. She is especially grateful for the TDGF's contribution to her pursuit and the committee's faith in her potential. Most notably, Daniella mentioned the tremendous moral support received from her TDGF "coach" throughout her four years as a college student.



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