



Lake Tahoe Community College

H.E.R.O. Recipient 2017

██████████ is a re-entry student at LTCC who returned to school in order to improve her career opportunities. She is a first-generation college student who has overcome significant obstacles-- including domestic violence and a chronic disability--in order to pursue her education. ██████████ began at LTCC in 2014, working towards vocational certificates so that she could find a better job and provide a better life for her children. Two years ago, her partner was diagnosed with stage four cancer, and at that time ██████████ became the sole provider for the family, including her 13 year old son and 10 year old daughter. She struggles to balance her role as a parent with her responsibilities as a student, caregiver, and breadwinner, but she has done so very successfully.

██████████ will be completing her accounting technician certificate this spring, and she will be transferring to CSU Fullerton next fall, where she will complete her bachelor's degree in business administration. She plans to begin a career as a marketing specialist after finishing her degree at Fullerton.

██████████ has been extremely active on campus at LTCC. She currently serves as President of the Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society, leading the group in its fundraising activities throughout the school year. She volunteers at her children's school at least once a week, and in the past she was the President of the LTCC Future Business Leaders of Tahoe club. In that role she was involved in the development of the LTCC Community Games, a project that has since expanded to include most clubs on campus and an expanding cross-section of the local community.

██████████ exemplifies the characteristics of a H.E.R.O. scholarship recipient, striving for excellence while maintaining a positive outlook in the face of difficult circumstances.



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██████████ is a first-generation college student who has overcome adversity in order to pursue a college education. He will be graduating from LTCC this spring with an Associate's Degree for Transfer in Kinesiology. In the fall he will begin school at CSU-Los Angeles.

██████████ parents immigrated to this country, and he grew up with a single mom who struggled financially to provide for Will and his siblings. ██████████ has been working to contribute to the support of his family, as well as his own educational expenses, since he was 14 years old. Soon after graduating from South Tahoe High School, he started at LTCC; he also moved at this time into a small, two-bedroom apartment with his mother, grandmother and two younger sisters. His only personal space for his belongings in this situation was a small corner in his mother's room; he slept on the living room couch and completed his homework assignments around midnight, after everyone else had gone to sleep, so he could concentrate on his work.

██████████ works part time while attending school full time, but his expenses will increase again when he moves to Los Angeles to continue his education. He has chosen to focus on Kinesiology due to his passion for living a healthy lifestyle, which he plans to pass on to others. Once he has completed his education, ██████████ expects to begin a career as a health and fitness instructor.

In addition to his work and studies, ██████████ has served as President of the H.O.P.E. Club at LTCC, a group that promotes equity for all students and fundraises for scholarships for DREAMer students. In prior years at LTCC, he has also been a member of the Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society and represented LTCC at NCORE, a conference that focuses on institutional change to improve racial and ethnic relations on campus.

██████████ is an outstanding role model, not only to his younger siblings, but to other LTCC students, and thus a deserving recipient of the H.E.R.O. Scholarship.