

Dear Bautista Family,

My name is Noemi Sirangua-Ortiz and I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for supporting my education by awarding me your scholarship.

Winning this meant so much to me because the day before I was notified about it, I started doubting myself and whether I was making my best effort at school or not. The happiness I felt really made my day and was very motivating because in a way it helped me push myself and reassured me that I was doing my best.

I participate in a club called Ambassadors in which I help represent the school for outside of school events like fundraisers, information sessions for incoming freshmen and our yearly VIVA celebration. Another Club I participate in is Drama club, in which I have been an active member since my sophomore year, this upcoming play "Bodas de Sangre" would be my second one (first one in Spanish) and I play 2 supporting roles "Suegra" the mother in law of one of the main characters and "Obrero 3" a worker who wonders in the forest in the middle of the night with other workers.

Thanks to the Corporate Work Study Program, I have worked at Old Republic Professional Insurance Company since my freshman year. I would like to mention that working there has taught me a lot and helped me develop useful skills like learning to speak up, being more confident, asking questions, and being more comfortable talking to adults. Currently my favorite subject is US History because I've always been interested in learning about the creation, progress and events that helped shape the country. American Literature is another subject I find interesting since I like to analyze the characters/actions in the books we read in class to get different perspectives on how others might think.

Both of my parents come from Piñicuaro a town in Moroleon Guanajuato, my dad Serafin Sirangua immigrated here by himself when he was 14 years old and has always been a hardworking man. When I told my mom about the scholarship, she told me she was proud of me and was happy to see that I was putting effort into my education. My dad values the education of me and my siblings more than anything as he strongly believes that there would be more opportunities for us with it, winning this scholarship took a weight off his shoulders as he was fixing major issues in the building and therefore was worried that we would have to take money off his retirement savings but thanks to your help this was not necessary. We are all very thankful for the help you've given us, and we can't thank you enough for investing in my education.

Sincerely,

*Noemi Sirangua Ortiz*